

Group Hits New Movie Trends

WASHINGTON (BP)—Strong disapproval of certain trends in the motion picture industry has been expressed by the Washington chapter of the National Religious Publicity Council.

In a vigorous resolution the religious publicists condemned the trends in motion pictures which (a) overemphasize sex and violence, (b) distort the Biblical account, or (c) hold up essential aspects of the Judeo-Christian tradition to disrepute.

The resolution said that such films are "detrimental to the nation's moral climate."

Already the Southern California chapter of the NRPC in Los Angeles has expressed its disapproval of such films. Likewise

the West Coast office of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches has taken a forthright stand on the problem.

Resolution Acker

The Washington chapter of NRPC voted to ask the national organization in its approaching annual convention to adopt a similar resolution.

It also called on other interdenominational and denominational agencies to voice their concern and to bring their influence to bear against such film production.

The resolution pointed out that "the movie industry has made in recent years many films of great spiritual value and has thus shown its ability to produce profitable movies with a most worthwhile message."

Especially deplorable to the religious publicists were the recently produced "motion pictures ostensibly based on Biblical incidents but altered to an extent so as to result in an essential distortion of the Scriptural account, a distortion which frequently takes the form of an exaggeration of evil—especially sex and violence—with conspicuous neglect of the condemnation and judgment the Bible attaches to such evil."

In Planning Stage

Although no specific films were mentioned in the resolution the group evidently had in mind such films as Solomon and Sheba, The Big Fisherman, The Ten Commandments, and others that are in the planning stage.

The National Religious Publicity Council is an association of persons who devote a major portion of their professional activity to editorial, public information, audio-visual, radio, television and other related public relations and promotional activities of any denomination or interdenominational body or church-related agency.

Jerry Lambdin Passes

Dr. J. E. Lambdin died Sunday morning, January 24, 1960, from cerebral hemorrhage, following a stroke which he suffered while attending Sunday School.

The funeral was held Tuesday, January 26, at 10 a. m. at the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Jerry Lambdin has served as Secretary of the Baptist Training Union of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1929. From 1917 until 1925 he was B. Y. P. U. secretary in Alabama. In 1925 he went to the Sunday School Board in Nashville to become an associate in Convention-wide Training Union work.

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Leaders Study Needs Of SBC's 23,000 Rural Churches

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — Southern Baptist leaders took a closer look at the needs of the convention's more than 23,000 rural churches when the Long Range Rural Committee met in Atlanta recently.

Goals and developments in rural church work were studied by representatives of Southern Baptist agencies, state executive secretaries, superintendents of missions, association missionaries and rural pastors.

Twenty-Five Year Goal

Twenty-five year goals were set by the committee in 1954 covering full-time, trained pastors, church property, community contribution, stewardship, co-operation with minority groups, and specialized courses in colleges and seminaries, on rural work.

"These were broken into five-year goals and estimates indicate that many of these have been accomplished," according to M. Wendell Belew, secretary of the department of associational missions of the Home Mission Board. "Approximately 900 of the 1,100 associations are concerned with the development of the rural churches."

Goals Stressed

Goals through 1964 stress the following:

- 1) all rural churches achieving one half, or full time pastoral ministry, with not more than 3,000 half-time churches.
- 2) at least 6,000 churches enlarging building facilities.
- 3) at least 75 per cent operating with an annual budget.
- 4) every church having one revival and reporting baptisms

each year.

- 5) 3,500 new churches and missions.
- 6) 8,000 pastors in some form of in-service training.
- 7) every association served by a missionary.

State Native New Baptist Hour Preacher

Three new speakers have been named for Southern Baptists' well known radio program, "The Baptist Hour," to allow Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, (Continued on Page 2)

W. G. MIZE TO RETIRE SOON



MR. AND MRS. W. G. MIZE

W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, is retiring upon the occasion of his 25th anniversary as head of the institution, it has been announced by the Board of Trustees.

The Board, in its meeting on Friday of last week, re-elected Mr. Mize superintendent and Mrs. Mize assistant superintendent for their 25th consecutive year, after which Mr. Mize requested that they be permitted to retire upon the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

The trustees accepted the retirement request and passed a resolution of highest praise for Supt. and Mrs. Mize.

The board set the date for separation as the date of securing of a successor, but not later than October 15, 1960, the actual completion of the 25-year stretch of services for the Mizes.

Mizes Praised

The board's statement praised Supt. and Mrs. Mize for having put the orphanage "on a sound financial basis and making it (Continued on Page 2)

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CLARKE TO RECEIVE \$10,000 LEGACY

Clarke Memorial College is to receive a legacy estimated at approximately \$10,000 under terms of the will of the late E. L. McGhee of Port Gibson, according to an announcement of President W. L. Compere.

Mr. McGhee, who passed away recently at the age of 85, left several specific bequests to relatives and friends amounting to a total of \$4,000, and bequeathed the remainder of his estate to the College.

This remainder will consist largely of first mortgage notes on real estate.

The estate is now in the process of being settled with W. H. Spencer of Port Gibson as the executor.

Native of Kentucky

Edwin Lee McGhee was born in Christian County, Kentucky,

near Hopkinsville, and moved to Mississippi when he was a young man. He was unmarried and had lived on a farm near Port Gibson for about 50 years. His closest surviving relative is a brother, J. Gailor McGhee, of Hopkinsville, Ky.

Other Gifts

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Port Gibson and had given this church an electronic organ.

Also, he had made a number of gifts to other churches in which he had special interest.

The investments passing to Clarke College in the final settlement will be placed in the school's endowment and will extend the usefulness of the life of this friend through the years ahead.

Graham Planning Shorter Crusades

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) —Evangelist Billy Graham said here that he plans to stick to a series of shorter crusades in the future, most of which will last 7 to 11 days in length.

In an interview before leaving for New York en route to Africa for a three-month series

of engagements, the 41-year-old evangelist said that health is a factor in his decision to shorten crusades.

"The longer crusades were taking too much out of me physically," Mr. Graham declared.

"Something went out of me in London and New York that will never be replaced," he asserted. "We were three months in Harrogate arena in London and four months in Madison Square Garden."

Not long after his record-breaking New York crusade, Mr. Graham was treated for a serious eye ailment, caused by the occlusion of artery serving the retina of his right eye. Physicians at the time said the spasm was similar to those which often cause heart attacks or strokes. He soon recovered, but the vision of the eye has been permanently impaired.

Mr. Graham pointed out that a major campaign involves many speaking engagements besides the nightly sermons, plus "the ever-present pressures of writing articles, seeing people, and keeping a hand on my organization."

He described his average working day during a crusade as "from seven in the morning until about midnight."

The new shorter pattern for crusades will enable his evangelistic team to visit more cities each year, he said.

"We can only make about three extended crusades a year," the evangelist pointed out, "but if we cut them to one or two weeks each, we will be able to make six or eight."

He added that in the last year, he had received more invitations to hold crusades in various cities of the world than in all his previous years in the ministry added together.

Pollard Accepts Bellevue Pastorate

FORT WORTH — (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Ramsey Pollard announced his acceptance of the pastorate of the Bellevue Baptist Church at Memphis, Tenn., here during the annual Texas Baptist evangelistic conference.

He indicated to some 3,800 persons attending the conference's concluding session that he would assume the pastorate Easter Sunday, April 17. Pollard has been pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church at Knoxville, Tenn., since 1939.

Pollard will succeed Robert Greene Lee who announced his retirement recently after serving as pastor of the church for the first time Easter Sunday, Pollard said, "I expect to see several hundred persons in attendance who probably will never come back."

Pollard was emphasizing the need for training church members to be more active, intimating that many members only visit their churches when a new pastor comes, or on Easter Sunday each year.

DR. PORTER ROUTH, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, opens the door to welcome visitors to the Executive Committee offices in Nashville. Dr. Routh is also treasurer of the Convention.—(BP) Photo.

Executive Committee SBC Plays Vital Role

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, as presently constituted, has been in existence only since 1927. For the first 72 years following its organization, the Convention had no central committee of any type.

GALLUP POLL REVEALS U. S. CHURCH ATTENDANCE DOWN

PRINCETON, N. J. — (EP) — Following 1958's record high, church attendance in the United States leveled off during the past year, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

An estimated 49 million adults attended church services during a typical week of 1959, or 47 per cent of the adult civilian population (excluding those living in institutions.) By way of comparison, during an average week in 1958, 49 per cent of the population—or an estimated 50,500,000 adults attended church.

During this period each of the Convention's agencies carried on its own work, with the Convention itself being the only connecting body. However several times it was suggested that some type central committee was needed — especially as the Convention grew. But such recommendations were rejected.

For additional pictures and stories on the Executive Committee, please turn to pages 6 and 7.

Editor Calls Closing Of Public Schools A Disaster

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — "Georgia's loss of her public school system would be the state's greatest disaster since Sherman's armies burned their way to the coast," John Hurt, Jr., of Atlanta, editor of the Christian Index, wrote in the current issue of the Georgia Baptist weekly.

Hurt was quoted by Atlanta radio stations and newspapers when he added his voice to that of a number of Baptist ministers in Atlanta who have spoken out for continued public education, even in the face of integration.

Nothing But Loss

Court rulings have approved a plan of integration for the Atlanta school system, but Georgia laws will force the closing of the schools if they integrate.

"There will be nothing but loss should the schools close," Hurt wrote, "The emergency is at hand. Little is being done. A six-year-old knows to call the fire department when his home catches fire."

"Now with a greater emergency his elders stand idle with an occasional glance at the neighbors for help . . .

Churches Take Lead

He also called for state leaders to make plain their plans, (Continued on Page 2)

As early as 1901 the report of a "Committee on Co-operation," Franklin Howard Kerfoot, chairman, was referred to a committee headed by J. B. Cambrell of Texas. Gambrell's committee recommended to the New Orleans Convention that a special agency be employed, to be known as the Committee on Co-operation of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was to be located in Baltimore.

Turns Down Proposal After considerable discussion the Convention turned down the proposal. The matter was debated at length in Southern Baptist Convention. (Continued on Page 2)

Miss Gladys Keith Retires

NEW ORLEANS, La. — (BP) —Miss Gladys Keith, New Orleans, must retire after 24 years as superintendent of the Rachel Sims Baptist Mission here. After several months of illness, her physician has advised that she is permanently disabled.

A native of Kilmichael, Miss., Miss Keith went to help at the mission on the New Orleans river front in 1934 for room and board and five dollars a week. In 1936 she was appointed by the Home Mission Board (Continued from page 2)

Thank God For Gulfshore!

By Chester E. Swor

Among the many truly significant forward-looking decisions made by Mississippi Baptists in recent years, no decision has pleased me more than that which is making a beautiful, adequate summer assembly possible. Despite its limitation of space and facility our Kittiwake experiment was such a glorious success that the greater plan which Gulfshore will provide justifies our entertaining even greater hope.

For nearly two decades I have worked with youth groups in the state Baptist assemblies and have been thrilled by the almost incredibly great contribution which those summer assemblies have made to providing leadership for Baptist groups in those states.

Falls Creek in Oklahoma,

Church Building Up In '59

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) —Church construction set a new all-time record of \$935,000,000 in 1959, the Census Bureau reported here.

This was an increase of 8 percent over the previous record of \$863,000,000 set in 1958, the bureau said in its monthly report on construction activity.

Despite the steel strike, which slowed down church construction, as it did other types of building activity, some 81,000,000 worth of new construction was put in place by churches in December, compared with \$78,000 in the same month of 1958.

No Seasonal Decline

There was scarcely any seasonal decline in church construction, renewed activity made possible by the end of the strike almost overcoming the normal decline due to bad weather in the northern states.

Construction was estimated at \$84,000,000 in October, \$83,000,000 in November and \$81,000,000 in December.

Jerry Lambdin - - -

(Continued from Page 1) When Dr. Landrum Leavell died in 1929, Dr. Lambdin became his successor as southwide Training Union secretary.

Dr. and Mrs. Lambdin (the former Ina Smith) both retired from active service in December. The December issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine, of which Dr. Lambdin was editor, was dedicated to them.

The Lambdins have made their home at 2111 Westwood Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. (For picture, see Page 2.)

Editor Calls - - -

(Continued from Page 1) and he asked that the churches take a lead in seeking a solution and in asking God's guidance.

"Georgia has had its years in the wilderness. It is a time now for a marching forward to a better land or surrendering as cowards before the extremists," he said.

"Georgia cannot afford to lose its public school system."

Miss Gladys - - -

(Continued from Page 1) as superintendent of the mission.

A new building was erected for Rachel Sims Mission in 1949; and largely under Miss Keith's leadership three other missions have been established on the river front, including Carver Center for Negroes. Miss Keith helped constitute a Baptist church for the people of the waterfront.

Miss Keith will continue to reside in New Orleans after her retirement which will be effective January 31.

Palacios and Paisano in Texas, Siloam Springs in Arkansas, Shocco Springs in Alabama, Massanetta Springs (and now Eagle Eyrie) in Virginia are a few of the state assemblies whose very names carry a connotation of high inspiration, wide information, and happy conservation of the work of the local churches.

If we could know the number of the present leaders of Baptist work in those states who made destiny-determining decisions in those state assemblies, we would be amazed by the large proportion.

If we could know, too, of the number of people in our mission enterprises who made their decisions in those state assemblies, we would be deeply impressed.

If we could know, further, how many thousands of Baptists have gone away from those summer meetings with a more intelligent concept of church membership, with a fuller dedication to the work of the local church, and with greater strength to be Christian in daily living, we would be delighted beyond measure.

It does not take imagination to predict that twenty years from now there will be a galaxy of dedicated Baptist leadership throughout Mississippi and around the world who will say, "I am here because of a decision made at Gulfshore Assembly in Mississippi."

Therefore, it is my intention to give gladly a special gift for the establishment of Gulfshore, and to pray fervently through the years that it may mean as much to Mississippi Baptists as similar assemblies have meant to Baptists in other states.

W. G. Mize - - -

(Continued from Page 1) one of the outstanding institutions of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The trustees pointed out that all save one of the buildings now on the campus at the head of Bailey Avenue on Woodrow Wilson Drive in Jackson, have been erected through the administration of the Mizes, and have been built without incurring any indebtedness. Endowment funds and a building fund have been established.

The trustees declared that "as deeply as we appreciate the outstanding financial accomplishments, we recognize that the Mizes' greatest contributions have been in the lives of the girls and boys who have gone out of the institution. Former students are in high places of service throughout the state and South and two of them are presently serving on the board of trustees of the orphanage."

Active In Denomination
Mr. Mize has been active in denominational affairs. Last year he was general vice-president of the Child Care Executives of the Southern Baptist Convention and this year he is regional vice-president.

He previously served as vice-president of the State Convention. He has been a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Jackson for 25 years.

Prior to becoming superintendent of the Orphanage he was manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson.

Earlier he served as educational director of First Church, Brookhaven. Mr. Mize attended the University of Mississippi.

Mrs. Mize has likewise been active in women's organizations and denominational affairs.

Collum Vice-Chairman
Ralph Hester of Jackson is chairman of the trustees, while Rev. Roy Collum, of Philadelphia, by whom the announcement was made, is vice-chairman.

Other members are: Rev. G. C. Cox, Jackson; William Harold Cox, Jackson; Rev. Eugene Crawford, Baldwin; Rev. Clyde Gordon, Raymond; Rev. Guy Reedy, Laurel; W. C. Cathey, Jackson; Rev. Ira D. Eavenson, Marks; A. L. Rainey, Jr., Gulfport; R. H. Abbey, Webb; Douglas Davis, Jackson; Hermon Dean, Canton; Paul Nunnery, Hollandale; and Rev. Bob Odenwald, Mendenhall.



DR. JERRY E. LAMBDIN, third from left above, is pictured with "four Baptist Sunday School Board Alumni" at the retirement dinner held for Dr. and Mrs. Lambdin prior to their retirement in December. Dr. Lambdin, who served for many years as Secretary of the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, died Sunday, January 24. (See Page One for story). Others in the picture, all of whom formerly worked as associates in the Southwide Training Union Department, serving with Dr. Lambdin, are Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive-Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, at left; Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, Dean, School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary, second from left; and Dr. Allen Graves, Dean of the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, extreme right.

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YOU PAY ATTENTION TO

Young People Away

A Church Ministry for Single and Married Young People

Temporarily Away From Home

JAMES V. LACKEY

At the New Albany Sunday School Convention last year, James Lackey asked the meaning of "YPA." Someone from the assembled Sunday school workers replied "You Pay Attention." Even though "You Pay Attention" was not the desired answer, it suggests to Mississippi churches that we MUST PAY ATTENTION to Young People Temporarily Away from home. Southern Baptists could stem the tide of its non-resident problem if adequate provisions were made for a YPA department—during February—YOUNG PEOPLE'S EMPHASIS MONTH.

LAST CALL:

Be sure your association has a complete team of SIX for the State Vacation Bible School Clinic at Garaywa, February 1-3, 1960.

These six workers will return to their Association and conduct a one-day Vacation Bible School Clinic. Our Department will provide expenses for COMPLETE teams.

TEMPERANCE LEADER SCORES FRANCE'S DROPPING BARS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, condemned as "deplorable" a French government decision to end import restrictions on American whiskey January 1.

"At a time when the United States needs to be exporting all the goodwill and friendship she can to hold the nations of the free world together, it is deplorable that we should take pleasure in new opportunities to sell liquor to our friends," Dr. Hooton said. "France has drinking problems enough without the aid of United States liquor exports."

"The drunken American tourist has dealt international relations a cruel blow more than once," he asserted. "To gleefully anticipate the purchase of more liquor by tourists abroad is to court further tension and misunderstanding."

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

1950's—Decade of Mission Progress

At the January meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen reviewed the Board's work in the decade just ended. "Ten years ago extensive missionary labors in China had been dealt a severe blow under Communist revolution," he recalled. "Missionaries had to come away and the work was left without financial or personnel support."

"During these 10 years this tragic event in China has been followed by one of the most remarkable periods of advance we have ever known, as work has been projected in many lands in the Far East and other areas. Reports from inside China indicate that the work there is still going on amid many difficulties."

At the close of 1949 there were 711 Southern Baptist missionaries under appointment for service in 24 countries, Dr. Cauthen reported. At the close of 1959 there were 1,381 under appointment for 44 countries. "During this decade many missionaries have gone through trying experiences in which their commitment to the cause of Christ and willingness to go to any lengths to serve our Master have written new records of heroism in the stories of kingdom service," he said.

In 1949 the Foreign Mission Board had an income of \$5,461,709.23. In 1959 the income was \$16,475,780.34. Last year's income was \$605,352.31 more than that for 1958.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$1,575,912.51 from the advance section of the Cooperative Program during the closing weeks of 1959, Dr. Cauthen announced. This represents 75 per cent of all the Cooperative Program funds received in the Southern Baptist Convention's headquarters offices from the time the Convention operating budget was met in early November through December 31. The other 25 per cent went to the Home Mission Board.

Before the advance section was entered the Foreign Mission Board had already received \$5,890,000 through the operating budget of the Cooperative Program.

"We are grateful to God for the continued financial support of Southern Baptists for foreign mission work, but we need to keep in our minds the fact that even with this increased income in 1959 it was necessary to leave unmet urgent needs totaling \$3,000,000," Dr. Cauthen continued.

"It is because Southern Baptists are deeply convinced that world missions is the basic task of each New Testament church that we face this new decade with confidence. We believe it will bring forth advance beyond anything we have ever known."

First Meeting

The Executive Committee held its first meeting in 1927 in Nashville, and voted to establish headquarters in the city. Austin Crouch was elected executive secretary, a position he held until retirement in 1946. Duke K. McCall served as executive secretary from 1946 until 1951. Porter Routh was elected executive secretary-treasurer in 1951.

In 1931 the Convention experimented with a separate Promotion Committee. The administrative functions of the Convention ad interim were still the responsibility of the Executive Committee. The Promotion Committee was charged with establishing the goal of the cooperative fund, determining the distribution of undesignated South-wide funds, and of suggesting South-wide causes to be included in the program. It was also to suggest the ration of division of co-operative funds between South-wide and state-wide causes in each state, and was to promote the Cooperative Program.

Separate Function

This separation of functions did not work satisfactorily, and in 1933 the Promotion Committee was dropped, its functions reverting to the Executive Committee.

At the 1958 annual meeting, again in Louisville, the Convention made another major change in the Executive Committee when it established a Stewardship Commission. This new Commission will promote stewardship and the Cooperative Program, formerly an assignment of the Executive Committee.

This means that now the Executive Committee has no program of its own to promote. But it works in an impartial relationship with all SBC agencies and institutions. It is the "fiduciary, the fiscal, and the executive agency of the Convention in all its affairs not specifically committed to some other board or agency." It is instructed "to act for the Convention ad interim in all matters not otherwise provided for."

Goerner Reports Year of Advance

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said in his report that 1959 brought continued advance in the area for which he has responsibility: increase in missionary personnel, expansion into new territories, dedication of new institutions, a moderate gain in religious liberty, and a significant increase in evangelistic activity.

Missionary Staff: The appointment of 46 missionaries brought the number for the area, as of December 31, 1959, to 423. These were distributed as follows: 335 assigned to eight countries in Africa; 50 assigned to four countries in the Near East; and 38 assigned to five countries in Europe.

New Territories: During the year missionaries entered three additional countries, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, and Guinea, and assignments were made to two others, Portugal and France, making a total of 17 geographical or political units to which Southern Baptist missionaries have been assigned in Africa, Europe, and the Near East. The couple assigned to Portugal are to serve as fraternal representatives to the Baptists of that country; and the couple assigned to France are to develop English-speaking work.

Miller Accepts Position In Louisiana

Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Lucedale, has accepted the call of First Church, Kentwood, Louisiana, as minister of music.

Mr. Miller, a graduate of Mississippi College and a student in the School of Sacred Music of New Orleans Seminary, has served as music and youth worker in three Mississippi churches—first in Okolona and Lucedale, and Central in McComb.

The pastor of the church is a native Mississippian, Rev. Dan Drum Salley, formerly pastor of the Kilmichael church and a member of the Convention Board.

State Native - - -

(Continued from Page 1) a six-month leave of absence as the program's preacher.

Selected to preach on the 30-minute radio worship service Dr. H. Guy Moore, Fort Worth, Tex., pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, April and May; Dr. Grady C. Cothen, Birmingham, Ala., pastor of First Baptist Church, June and July; and Dr. J. Winston Pearce, DeLand, Fla., pastor of First Baptist Church, August and September.

Dr. Cothen is a native of Mississippi. He came to his present pastorate last October from the Olivet Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
GA Director—MISS WILLA DEAN FREEMAN
Sunbeam Director—MISS WAUDINE STOREY



Mary Sampson



Carolyn Evans

YWA HOUSEPARTIES

Young women from all over Mississippi are invited to attend one of the three big Young Woman's Auxiliary houseparties which will be coming up in the next few weeks.

FEBRUARY 12-14—KITTIWAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY—Miss Mary Sampson (pictured) missionary to Taiwan, will be one of the featured speakers.

FEBRUARY 19-21—CAMP GARAYWA—Included in the list of outstanding program personalities for this houseparty are Mrs. W. L. Huckabay who writes "Ask Edith" in The Window and Miss Carolyn Evans (pictured) who serves as a home missionary at Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans.

MARCH 4-6—CAMP LAKE STEPHENS—One of our missionaries to Japan, Mrs. Curtis Askew, will head the list of program personalities for this houseparty.

In order to secure reservations for one of the houseparties, \$2.00 for each girl is to be sent immediately to the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, for registration fee. Four dollars per girl will be paid at the time the girls register at the houseparties. Each conference will begin AFTER supper Friday evening and will last until after dinner Sunday.

1st, Brookhaven Calls New Pastor

Dr. Bob N. Ramsey has accepted the call of First Church, Brookhaven, to become Pastor. Dr. Ramsey, who is Pastor of First Church, Dennison, Texas, and his family will come to Brookhaven the first week in February, and Dr. Ramsey will be in the pulpit on Sunday morning, February 7. A reception to welcome the Ramsays will be held on Sunday night, February 7 at 8:30.

Dr. Ramsey, a native of Waltherboro, North Carolina, is a graduate of Furman University, of Southern Seminary, and received a Doctor of Theology degree from the Southwestern Seminary. At present, Dr. Ramsey is serving as President of the Baptist Historical Society.

He is Trustee of Mary-Hardin Baylor College, a member of the Executive Board of the Texas General Convention, President of the Grayson County Civic Loyalty League, and has served as Pastor in the following churches: First Church, Cookeville, Tennessee, a college center, during which time there were four missions established by the First Baptist Church and a major building program (a church); First Church, Wills Point, Texas, for seventeen months, January 1951 to June 1952, while doing graduate work on Th. D. Degree at Southwestern Seminary. (During this time there were 277 additions to the church.)



Dr. Bob N. Ramsey

He became pastor of First Church, Dennison, Texas, seven and one-half years ago; led the church in the retirement of a debt and in the building of a \$400,000 Auditorium.

In 1953 Dr. Ramsey attended the Baptist World Alliance in London and made a tour of the Holy Land. He has preached in revival meetings throughout the South. He is married to the former Geraldine Terry of Cookeville, Tennessee, and has five children.

Lawsuit Filed To Test Church Property Taxation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (RNS)—Chancery Court in Nashville has been asked to declare illegal the city's assessment of previously tax-exempt property owned by Baptist Hospital here.

The lawsuit is expected to test the city's authority to tax property owned by religious institutions and other non-profit organizations valued at \$3,583,600.



ATTENDING the field men's meeting were: standing, left to right; R. Alton Reed, executive secretary; Floyd B. Chaffin, associate secretary; and Lucian Conway, Louisiana field man. Other field men seated left to right, are: H. H. McBride, Texas; Claude T. Ammerman, Alabama; Thurman K. Rucker, Arkansas; Arthur Hinson, Georgia; Phil Maxwell, Florida; A. C. Queen, Illinois; J. E. Rains, Missouri; R. C. Miller, Oklahoma; Baynard Fox, Kentucky and Tennessee; W. R. Roberts, Mississippi and Herbert Carlton, Virginia, Maryland and D. C.

R & A Field Men Meet On Coast

Plans for promoting the Southern Baptist Protection Plan during 1960 in Mississippi and other state conventions was the major topic of discussion at the Relief and Annuity Board's field men's meeting, January 14.

Mississippi's representative, W. R. Roberts of Jackson, was one of 12 state field men to attend the third annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Primary concern of the men was the problem of enlisting a minimum of 75 per cent of the churches in the state conventions before January 1, 1961.

Floyd B. Chaffin, associate secretary of the Annuity Board, was in charge of the meeting.

Chaffin led the men in exploring new methods of promotion to be used to inform churches in their respective states. Each field man is the Annuity Board's official contact with leaders and churches in his state.

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Music Department

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TEN STATE FESTIVALS

SCHEDULE

Monday, March 7—First, Leland, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Tuesday, March 8—First, Leland, Hymn Playing Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Wednesday, March 9—First, Oxford, Hymn Playing Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Thursday, March 10—First, Oxford, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Friday, March 11—Harrisburg, Tupelo, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Saturday, March 12—Harrisburg, Tupelo, Hymn Playing Festival, 10:00 a. m.
Wednesday, March 16—First, Starkville, Hymn Playing Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Thursday, March 17—First, Starkville, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Friday, March 18—Highland, Meridian, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Saturday, March 19—Highland, Meridian, Hymn Playing Festival, 10:00 a. m.
Monday, March 21—First, Meadville, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Tuesday, March 22—First, Meadville, Hymn Playing Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Friday, March 25—First, Pascagoula, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Saturday, March 26—First, Pascagoula, Hymn Playing Festival, 10:00 a. m.
Monday, March 28—Calvary, Jackson, Church Choir Festival, 6:45 p. m.
Friday, April 1—Calvary, Jackson, Graded Choir Festival, 4:00 p. m.
Saturday, April 2—Calvary, Jackson, Hymn Playing Festival, 10:00 a. m.
Monday, April 4—First, Hattiesburg, Choral and Instrumental Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Tuesday, April 5—First, Hattiesburg, Hymn Playing Festival, 6:00 p. m.
Date for New Choctaw will be announced later.
Our enrollment goal for this year is 7,000, and we know your church will want to be a part of this great festival.

Kindergarten At Highland Gets High Rating

The Kindergarten of Highland Church, Meridian, has received the certificate of approval for 1959-60 from the State Department of Public Welfare. The school has received this recognition the past four years, or every year since its origin. To be an approved Kindergarten means that certain requirements must be met on faculty, equipment, sanitation, safety, type of program and other items.

The school now has 65 enrolled, and an average attendance of 61.

MUSIC SCHOOL HELD IN PRENTISS CO.

The Prentiss County Association held an Association Music School the week of January 18-22.

The school was held at First Church, Booneville under the direction of Mr. Malcolm A. Grainger, Associational Music Director and Minister of Music at the host church. The faculty consisted of Mr. Grainger, Miss Lanell Martin, (Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Baldwin).

There were forty-nine persons enrolled and eight churches represented.

Character is formed not by occasional efforts at direct teaching, but by the day-by-day experience of living and eating and playing and working.—Elton Trueblood in Jan. HOME LIFE.

Quarles' Quotes

By The
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Rogers

Recently Rev. Foy Rogers came to be the Secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department in our work. He is widely known in Mississippi since he has served both as pastor and also as superintendent of associational missions in two of our associations. We feel that he is going to be able to do a very outstanding work in Mississippi. Rev. Allison Bell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Okolona writes that he was with Brother Rogers in Bellevue in August 1958, and says that in his opinion Brother Rogers is one of the greatest personal soul-winners he has ever known. Personal evangelism is our main business and we rejoice to know that our workers can deal with individuals and take advantage of the opportunities that come to them in their travels.

Library

Mr. Leo T. Wolford, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, writes regarding the new library building on the Southern Seminary campus. He states: "To date cash and pledges total \$467,421.39. When the outstanding pledges are paid, it will be possible for the Seminary to complete this project without any indebtedness. We hope you will continue your leadership of the alumni to this end." Surely we trust that each one who has made a pledge will pay it and pay it at the earliest possible opportunity so that the institution will not be burdened down by any indebtedness in this regard.

Lambdin

Even as I was writing these paragraphs the word came that Dr. J. E. Lambdin, long time Baptist Training Union Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has suddenly passed away. It will be impossible for me to measure the extent of the influence of this man's life upon my own. He and Mrs. Lambdin came to our home church in Southeast Alabama when I was an intermediate boy and directed Training Union work in our church. In fact, the work was organized first of all under their direction. Later it was my opportunity to do field work in the summertime in Alabama and had the constant encouragement of this wonderful couple. Five years I served as Training Union worker and state secretary of the Training Union Department of the Alabama Convention. During these years we were in constant cooperative service and his leadership meant much to me. For two and a half years I served as Mr. Lambdin's associate in the Training Union Department at the Sunday School Board. I never knew him to do a little or un-Christian act. He was a big man in his love, ambition and mission. He will always be known as one of Southern Baptists' greatest men.

World Missions Conferences
How wonderful it is to get an encouraging letter such as the one just received from Pastor M. G. Reedy of the Highland Baptist Church of Laurel,

Mississippi. He says: "I want you and your co-workers to know that our people and I were very much impressed by this years Evangelistic Conference. We have been going to these for several years and as you know, have even participated in some for you, but this is by far the best I believe that I have attended. One thing that impressed me most was the way that all the department heads presented with such zeal and conviction their own work, and of course, the unity of spirit that has existed since the time you came to be our Executive Secretary was reflected through it all."

Conscience Fund

I understand that the United States government has a "Conscience Fund." This is money sent in to the government for unpaid taxes or for the other reasons that seem good to those who send the money anonymously. Recently I have read of one or two instances in other states where people have sent in money to pay unredeemed pledges to the \$75,000,000 Campaign. A few days ago from Oxford, Mississippi, we received the following note, "Find enclosed \$10.00 which was a pledge to the \$75,000,000 Campaign years ago and I don't remember if it was paid in full or not, so am sending it to you to put it in the proper channel it was first intended as I don't know how. Thank you.—Sincerely, A fellow worker."

This of course is a wonderful thing for a "fellow worker" to do. Congratulations to him or her.

I wonder how much money would be sent to our Mississippi Baptist churches immediately if all of our people were to send in the amount of unpaid pledges. The action of a "fellow worker" may encourage many others to honor God with money already pledged to Him.

Windham

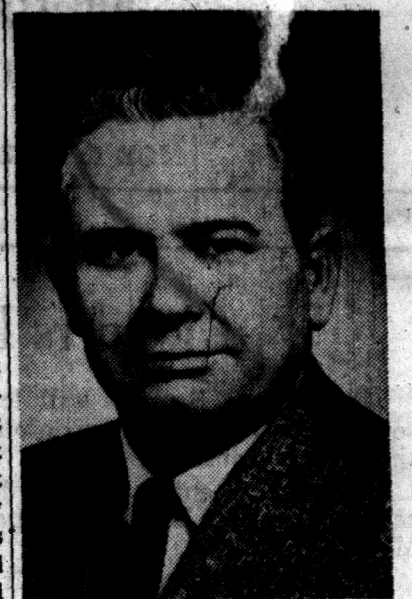
Last Sunday morning I had the privilege of worshipping with the Saints of the Thirtieth Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Pastor Van Windham has done a very outstanding work. He has led the people to construct additional building and now they have one of the finest educational units for their effective use. The spirit of the service was outstanding and the people most friendly and cordial. It is a great church. We regret to know however that our friend Bro. Windham must return to surgery so that correctional measures might be taken regarding an old injury. Wonderful pastor and a splendid spirit!

Midway (Leake) Calls Pastor

Midway Church, Route 5, Carthage, has called Rev. Jimmy Rogers as pastor. Rev. Rogers is moving into the pastorate. A Mississippi College student, he and Mrs. Rogers have one small child. Midway Church is half-time.

THE BAPTIST RECORD
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DR. DALE MOODY, professor of Systematic Theology in Southern Seminary, is guest teacher for January Bible Study Week in Calvary Church, Jackson, January 25-29. After ten years of teaching in the Southern Seminary, Dr. Moody was elected in 1954 to the historical Joseph Emerson Brown Chair of Systematic Theology. This position previously was occupied by James P. Boyce, F. H. Kerfoot, E. Y. Mullins, and Harold W. Tribble. He received his education at Baylor, Columbia University, Southern Seminary and the universities of Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, and Heidelberg, Germany. Dr. Luther Joe Thompson is Calvary pastor.

Junior Girl Confused On Deacons' Duties

A nine-year-old junior girl in a Mississippi church was giving a part in Training Union about the early church in Jerusalem, when she almost broke up the meeting!

In reply to the question, "Why were the deacons chosen?", she answered, "To take care of the windows and organs."

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Why Have An Assembly?

By CHESTER L. QUARLES, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Is it for recreation and fun? Yes, but not for that only. It is true that we have a lot of fun at our Baptist camps and assemblies. We try to make them enjoyable to the fullest degree. Recognizing that many people use their vacation time to attend one or more of our Summer Assemblies, we realize we have a responsibility to them. They need a change. They need rest. They need to be reinvigorated. We make that possible at our assembly.

Our main purpose is a spiritual purpose. All Christians need a place where they can "be still and know God." We need to get away from our regular routine in the home, office, store, factory, or farm to re-think the important issues of life. This is a "must" for a growing Christian life.

The assembly movement came from two sources. The first was the old camp meeting. Many years ago our spiritual forefathers would meet together at a camp grounds and a revival would be held for a couple of weeks or so. The other source of our modern assembly movement was the old "Chautauqua." The company would travel around with a circus tent and each day for a week or so different speakers or features were presented.

Out of these two great movements came the modern movement that has done so much for our Baptist life. An assembly is a unifying movement. As Baptists get together,

pray together, think together, they usually plan and work together.

Hundreds of young people have found the divine direction for their lives in our assemblies. Missionaries are on foreign and home fields, pastors are in pulpits, many are serving in various church-related vocations because of decisions made at an assembly. I turned to the assembly report that was made to the Mississippi Baptist Convention last November and read the following: "The total number of decisions registered at Kittiwake this Summer are as follows: Royal Ambassador Camps—207, Training Union Assemblies—152, making a total of 359. These include professions of faith, rededications and surrender of life for special service." What a Summer's harvest!

Now with a larger facility available—Gulfshore Baptist Assembly—we have the opportunity to do an even better job for the Lord. More people will attend. More decisions should be reached. God's will will be done in more lives.

I plan to make a worthy contribution to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly during this campaign. I am going to give it through my church treasurer so that my church will be credited with a designated missionary contribution.

Won't you make a worthy contribution, too?

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Leaders Retire

Mississippi Baptists will lose by retirement in 1960 some leaders who have made outstanding contributions to their institutions.

Announcement was made last month of the coming retirement of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey as president of Blue Mountain College.

Now comes the word that Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mize will retire from the direction of the Orphanage within the next few months.

At the retirement time we shall have more to say concerning the outstanding service and large contribution to Mississippi Baptist work which these leaders have given.

Already wise choice has been made in the successor for Dr. Lowrey. Let us all pray for the Trustees of the Orphanage as they seek a leader to take up the responsibilities at that institution.

The Rural Church

Much attention is being given just now to the role of the rural church in present day Christianity.

This week some of our Mississippi Baptist rural churches are among those being cited for outstanding achievement by the Institute of Town and Country Churches being held at State College.

The WMU is preparing for its annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions by study of a graded series of books on the rural church.

The Home Mission Board is giving increased attention to the problems and program of the thousands of rural churches in the Convention, and making plans for putting more churches in unchurched rural areas in the pioneer fields.

Through its Cooperative Missions Department and other Departments the Mississippi Baptist Convention seeks to minister to every rural church in our state.

The day of the rural church is not past. In this time of exploding population and urban development many have conceived the idea that the need for the rural church was about gone. This is definitely not the case.

The rural areas are changing. Good roads, better schools, community development, and modern conveniences in rural homes, have brought new conditions which demand a new type of church program, but the need for the rural church is just as great as ever.

The old-time one room country church building, and the part time program is passing. New buildings, added educational space, new pastor's homes, pastors living on the fields, and full organizational programs are becoming characteristic of more and more of the rural churches.

The seminaries are giving larger attention to training young ministers for rural work, and many more of these trained men are moving to rural fields.

No state in the Southern Baptist Convention has seen greater progress on the part of rural churches than has Mississippi. One has only to drive through the state to see the changes that have come in the country churches with new buildings, modern educational facilities and attractive pastor's homes appearing everywhere. Many of the outstanding pastoral leaders in our state are serving rural churches.

In 1958 (latest figures available) Mississippi reported 1137 rural churches. There were only 88 quarter-time churches as compared with 378 in 1949, and 562 half-time churches as compared with 721 ten years ago. Property value reported by country churches in 1949 was \$5,841,995, while in 1958 that value had soared to \$16,995,762. Total gifts in 1949 were \$1,987,084, while in 1958 these same churches gave \$4,185,501. These churches increased their mission gifts from \$178,875 in 1949 to \$484,828 in 1958.

These 1137 rural churches in Mississippi in 1958 had 1092 Sunday schools, 839 Training Unions, 536 WMU's and 316 Brotherhoods. 724 of them held Vacation Bible Schools, 900 reported baptisms, and 1097 reported gifts to missions.

As outstanding as are the present reports from the country churches, they will continue to be better as more churches match their work to the needs of this new day. It is probable that in some cases there will need to be consolidation, while in others churches will need to be moved because of changing communities and better transportation. Many more churches will need to erect new buildings or add educational space. Others will enlarge their organizations, adopt new finance programs such as the Forward Program, move up to full-time services with the pastor living on the field, and adopt other plans of advance. As they do these things their influence will be enlarged, they will win more souls, and their ministry to their people will grow.

Through the years the rural churches have made a great contribution to our whole Baptist program. They have provided many of our finest Baptist leaders, and have sent a continual flow of members into the urban churches as families and individuals have moved from the farm to town. Seventy-five percent of Southern Baptist churches are still in rural areas and villages. With the stronger, larger programs of work which they are adopting, they will not only continue to be a mighty factor in denominational life, but their largest contributions to all our work may be expected in the years ahead.

New Personnel

Two new workers who will direct areas of our Convention Board work have been added to the staff in recent days.

Rev. Foy Rogers has begun his work as Secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department.

Rev. C. M. Day will soon begin his service as Director of Temperance Work.

Several other persons have been added to various departments as associates in recent months.

We believe that all of these will find blessing and joy in working for and with Mississippi Baptists in their great program of service in the Lord's kingdom.

It is our conviction that no state in the Southern Baptist Convention has a finer group of Christian workers, than those here in Mississippi, nor do any workers have a finer Convention of churches with which to serve.

Such fellowship gives promise of continued advance.



FOR LIBERTY AND LIGHT



Baptism For The Dead

You believe in proxy baptism. Your beloved brother has just died. He had never made a profession of faith in Christ. Now you volunteer to be baptized in his place. This will guarantee eternal security for his soul. Believing this, you are eager to be baptized for the dead. Believing this, who wouldn't be?

To be sure, many both believe it and practice it. A Biblical basis for such belief and practice is I Cor. 15:29: "Else

what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?" Indeed this is a puzzling statement. The point at issue is: What did Paul mean by "baptized for the dead?" There are many possible interpretations.

Proxy Baptism

(1) A first possibility is proxy baptism, mentioned above. Throughout I Cor. 15 Paul is concerned with the fact of the resurrection. Evidently some in Corinth, like the Sadducees in Jerusalem, scoffed at the idea of resurrection from the dead. It may well be that the same ones in Corinth who ridiculed the resurrection practiced proxy baptism. Paul sees a contradiction in this and argues: "If there is no chance of your beloved dead ever being raised, why go to the trouble of being baptized for them?"

Believer's Baptism

(2) A second possibility is believer's baptism. Paul may have been speaking to people who accepted normal Christian baptism but at the same time rejected the resurrection. We know from Rom. 6:4 that Paul thought of baptism as a twofold symbol of death and the resurrection. In other words, during the act of baptism the Christian plays two roles: Death and Resurrected Life.

According to this view, the words "for the dead" in I Cor. 15:29 do not refer to proxy baptism. (In that case one assumed the role of a person now dead and was baptized in his place). Rather do the words refer to the death role played by the Christian in the drama of his own baptism. This view regards the article as superfluous, a not uncommon use of the article in Greek, and translates simply "for dead."

Lost Half Its Meaning

So, in I Cor. 15:29, Paul may have been arguing that baptism has lost half its meaning for those who do not believe in the resurrection. Suppose that such a one is himself being baptized. He is lowered into the water "for dead." That is, in a sense, he is willing to "play dead," for he believes in that. He does not believe in life—Resurrected Life. But, if baptism is to be consummated, he must be raised from the water. (The only alternative is drowning). And herein lies the contradiction. By submitting to baptism, those who oppose the resurrection are unknowingly giving assent to it.

Here are two out of thirty or more possible interpretations of I Cor. 15:29. And these two possibilities are not without their own difficulties. Worth of note, however, is that Paul neither commanded nor commended proxy baptism. As for that matter, he was not specially interested in normal baptism (I Cor. 1:14-17). He alludes to baptism here only in connection with another more vital topic: the resurrection. For the resurrection is the reality of which baptism is merely the symbol.

New Books

REVIVALS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT by C. E. Autrey (Zondervan, 160 pp., \$2.95)

The Secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and former professor of Evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, preaches on the great revivals of the Old Testament. The author reveals the conditions that demanded revival, the forces that brought it, and results that came. At Sinai, at Mt. Carmel, at Jerusalem and in other places the reader sees revival come, and finds his heart crying, Lord, send revival now.

SERMONS, Short, Medium, Long by John Jeter Hurt, (published by the author, 1959, 284 pp., \$3.00).

John Jeter Hurt is a name long well known in Southern Baptist circles. As pastor, editor, and college president, and as active participant in denominational affairs, he became known far and wide for his pulpit ability and able leadership. Now in the days of retirement he continues to bless the world through his books. This new book will be helpful to preacher and layman alike. There are 63 sermons, some short, some medium and some long. They are based upon the Word of God, deal with varied themes, are clear in outline, and pointed in message. The reader will be enriched by the many illustrations taken from life experiences of the author. Not all books of sermons are worth buying. My judgement is that this one is. It may be ordered from the author at 215 Rumson Road, N. E., Atlanta 5, Georgia.

WE MADE PEACE WITH POLIO by Luther Robinson (Broadman, 165 pp., \$2.75).

Reading this book is an experience. It is the story of how polio struck two grown daughters in a North Carolina Baptist home, taking the life of one in a few days and leaving the other almost completely paralyzed, and dependent upon the iron lung for her very life. Here is faith, courage, love, hope and Christian victory in one moving narrative.

RELIGIOUS THEMES IN FLOWER ARRANGEMENT by Ruth E. Mullins, (Hearstide Press, New York, 1959, 118 pp., \$5.95).

The lovers of flowers, especially the one who enjoys preparing arrangements for the church services, will find delight in these pages. The book is beautifully illustrated with many of the arrangements being shown in color. While there are some arrangements for other religions, most are for Christianity and many are based upon special seasons, Scripture themes, etc.

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD by Mabel Brehm (Abingdon, Teacher's Edition, \$1.00; Pupil's Edition, \$3.00), published by the Methodists, is packed with exciting stories, fascinating illustrations, original ideas for activities and projects, for use with Juniors in Vacation Bible School.

THE CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD by Olive L. Johnson



Breaking The Chains of Tyranny

19TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS New Virginia Association Sends Out Two Missionaries

BEDFORD, Virginia, October, 1923 — (BP) — Two agents of the new General Association of Baptists in Virginia, equipped with stuffed saddlebags, overcoats, and umbrellas, mounted horses here today to take the Baptist message to the frontier. The two young "Bedford plowboys," only recently called to the ministry, are Jeremiah B. Jeter and Daniel Witt. They are to make a two-months tour of "deserted places" in the state at a monthly salary of \$30 each.

As agents Jeter and Witt will carry on the principal work of the state associations. The constitution of the General Association states: "It shall be the entire object of this General Association to propagate the Gospel and advance the Redeemer's Kingdom throughout the State, by supplying vacant churches with the preached word, and by sending preachers into destitute regions within the limits of the State."

Parable On The Church Library

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

And lo, a Sunday school teacher went down to the church one day and fell among a chattering group of children, who surrounded her, demanding to know what they could do, and leaving her sore perplexed.

Now by chance a mother was passing by the door. She nodded and smiled and passed on down the hall. So, likewise the pastor, when he paused in the door and saw them, nodded and smiled, and passed on down the hall. But when the department superintendent, as he walked about from group to group, came to where she was, and when he saw her, he had compassion; he went to her and made a suggestion. And after the session was over he took her by the arm, and brought her to the church library, and showed her books about children, books of Bible stories for children, many versions of the Bible, books of games, and books on drama.

In a few minutes he said to the librarian, "Take care of her, and if you need more books we will order them when I come back."

and Frances Nail (Abingdon, Teacher's Edition, \$1.00; Pupil's Book, \$3.50), a publication of the Methodist church, is designed for use by Junior high groups in Vacation church schools. Both the teacher's and pupils editions are well written and attractively illustrated, giving something of the early beginnings of the church and of the importance of the church in the world today.

EVERYONE NEEDS A CHURCH by Lois Eddy McDonnell (Abingdon, Teacher's Edition, \$1.00, Pupil's Book \$2.50), a Methodist publication, gives some very concrete and helpful suggestions for games, songs, stories, and activities for use in Vacation Bible School with Primary children.

THE STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH by Lucile Desjardins (Abingdon, Teachers' Edition, \$1.00, Pupil's Book, \$1.00) a Methodist publication, is a study of the book of Acts designed for grades nine and ten for use in weekday classes in religion. The author divides the study of Acts into three parts: "The Christian fellowship in Jerusalem," "the expanding fellowship," and "into all the world."

If all children grew up knowing God personally from constant experiences with him at home, teachers would not need to use part of their little time on Sunday for this basic teaching.—Martha Whiteside in January HOME LIFE.

The first meeting of the association was held at the Second Baptist Church, Richmond, in June. Fifteen of twenty-one appointed messengers were present, representing seven districts. Robert Baylor Semple, Baptist scholar and historian, was elected moderator.

General Meeting
Virginia Baptists have had a General Meeting of Correspondence since around the turn of the century, but interest in this organization waned because there was little business to transact. At the meeting in Charlottesville in 1921, only three messengers and no officers were present.

At the final session of the General Meeting of Correspondence at First Church, Richmond, last year, a seven-article constitution for the new General Association of Baptists in Virginia was approved. The constitution was drawn by Edward Baptist of Appomattox Association.

Actually the General Association is a state convention, but this name was avoided due to some opposition to conventions. Autonomy of local churches and associations was assured in Article Four: "These representatives, when convened, shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches or Associations, nor shall they pursue any other object than that specified (in the constitution)."

Jeter and Witt are to be supported by the General Association. Contributions from the district associations will be voluntary, and districts are not required to make contributions in order to be represented in the state organization.

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Calendar of Prayer

February 1 — R. A. Herrington, Holmes Associational Moderator; J. H. Burrell, Humphreys Associational Moderator.

February 2 — Hollis V. Bryant, Scott Associational Missionary; J. D. Sims, Wm. Carey College staff.

February 3 — Archie H. Germany, Miss. College faculty; Hattie Johnson, Baptist Book Store.

February 4 — Mrs. Roy L. Honcycutt, Grenada Assoc. WMU Pres.; Mrs. J. P. Love, Holmes Assoc. WMU Pres.

February 5 — J. B. Costilow, Clarke College Student Director; Walter F. Taylor, Blue Mountain faculty.

February 6 — Paul Padgett, Pearl River Assoc. Music Director; M. T. Mounce, Pontotoc, Assoc. Music Director.

February 7 — Jack L. Wilks, Riverside Assoc. Brotherhood Pres.; John McGibbony, Sharkey-Issaquena Assoc. Brotherhood Pres.

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JOEL WHITMORE hands Chief of Police Guy Davenport a crude bomb which he has disarmed and taken from the chief's car. Because Joel is a "turncoat" from the Korean War, he is eyed suspiciously by the people of his hometown, especially Chief Davenport. Practice of Christian forgiveness is the theme of this half-hour drama entitled "Bread On the Water" in THE ANSWER series produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. It will be televised in Mississippi Sunday, January 31, over these stations: Jackson, WLBT; Meridian, WTOK-TV, 5:00 p. m. Saturday; Tupelo, WTVW, 4:30 p. m.; Columbus, WCBT-TV, 12:30 p. m.

Pressures Prevail On Private Colleges

BOSTON — (BP) — Speakers at the Association of American College's 46th annual session here were realistic yet optimistic about the ability of private liberal arts college to survive a multitude of strong pressures against it.

Among those attending the session were presidents of sev-

eral Southern Baptist colleges and Rabun L. Brantley of Nashville, executive secretary, Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pressures Mount Brantley said that among the pressures facing small colleges are larger enrollments competing with public-supported colleges for faculty with adequate salary and for students because private colleges charge more tuition, and high operating costs. Another pressure is increased specialization of courses at large universities.

Alfred T. Hill, Washington, executive secretary of the Council for Advancement of Small Colleges, addressed the Baptist educators at a private meeting they held while in Boston.

The Association of American Colleges is chiefly made up of private and church related colleges, yet not entirely since several large state universities have representatives attending. George M. Modlin, president of University of Richmond (Va.), a Baptist college, has served as the association's treasurer.

Japan Baptists Invite Graham

TOKYO, Japan, Jan. 22.—The executive committee of the Japan Baptist Convention voted unanimously today to invite Billy Graham to Japan.

Meeting in a January planning session at Amagi Baptist Assembly, convention leaders named a 15-man convention-wide invitation committee for a Billy Graham crusade in Japan. A special resolution stated, "We believe the time has come for Billy Graham to conduct a crusade in our nation."

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

JANUARY 24, 1960		
Aberdeen, First	447	162
Batesville, First	477	189
Bethel (C.O.P.)	111	81
Biloxi, Forrest Ave.	142	80
Biloxi, Emmanuel	289	125
Booneville, First	315	115
Brookhaven, First	683	245
Main	641	219
Halbert Heights	42	25
Byram	156	52
Capton, Center Terrace	239	119
Calhoun City, First	357	169
Clara, First	99	64
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	566	180
Clear Creek (Laf.)	69	62
Cleveland:		
Immanuel	238	131
First	430	135
Yale Street	160	106
Calvary	265	96
Collins	165	100
Columbus, First	859	255
Corinth, Fate St.	305	93
Crystal Springs, First	514	198
Friendship (Noree)	95	33
Greenville, First	1039	38
Main	878	41
Greenfield	66	41
Chinese	66	41
Greenville, Parkview	359	108
Greenwood, 6th	397	141
Greenwood, Calvary	210	210
Guilford, Grace Mem.	278	104
Guilford, First	913	337
Guilford, First	169	89
Hattiesburg:		
Central	263	157
Main	241	141
Mission	590	266
University	66	30
38th Ave.	159	159
Main St.	928	487
Main	867	436
North Main	28	28
Wayside	32	32
Horn Lake	186	87
Houston, First	407	171
Jackson:		
West	457	205
Oak Forest	347	113
Hillcrest	515	258
Highland	390	141
Daniel Memorial	1050	427
Midway	316	137
Southside	241	142
Parkway	504	204
Forest Hill	143	89
Van Winkle	670	316
Crestwood	413	219
Broadmoor	749	289
Temple	109	64
Redgecree	771	326
Alta Woods	327	139
First	1700	569
Kosciusko, First	679	184
Main	666	184
Maple Mission	13	13
Tupelo:		
Highland	388	173
Magnolia St.	356	121
Main	28	28
Wildwood	366	140
Plainway	329	120
First	629	190
Second Ave.	423	155
Long Beach, First	358	122
Main	546	212
DeLisle	24	23
Long Lake	66	58
Longview	291	172
Lucedale, First	122	46
Lyon	122	46
Meridian:		
First	321	230
Highland	669	284
Fifteenth Avenue	585	260
Eighth Avenue	299	90
Calvary	412	139
Fewell Survey Mission	31	25
Poplar Springs Drive	511	149
Grandview	417	134
South Side	40	16
Fulton Ave. Mission	20	16
Arrowwood	100	39
State Boulevard	360	123
Oakland Heights	360	123
Key Field	101	49
McComb:		
South	175	77
Locust Street	150	107
Central	192	90
Moselle	121	45
Natchez:		
Morgantown	277	133
First	518	213
Fellowship	181	84
Neely Memorial	64	32
New Albany, First	660	234
Newton, First	465	223
Oxford, First	557	234
Pascagoula:		
Eastlawn	336	196
First	546	232
Pearl	312	139
Pelahatchie	169	80
Petal-Harvey	362	153
Main	290	91
Harvey Mission	64	32
Petal, Crestview	78	37
Picayune	524	125
Main	508	125
Mission	26	11
Pineview (Jackson)	110	61
Quitman, First	355	118
Ripley, First	375	149
Main	323	117
Mission	82	22
Rolling Fork, First	183	64
Ruth	54	35
Sherman (Gulf Coast)	71	30
Sherman	117	37
Soso, First	173	57
Starfield (Scott)	118	76
Starkville, First	313	170
Summerland	102	48
Terry	182	76
Trinity (Jones)	100	49
Tupelo:		
Calvary	527	225
First	498	131
Union, First	344	116
Vicksburg, First	664	254
Weir	87	63
West End (Winston)	66	30
West Point:		
First	588	202
West End	187	146
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	140	128
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Bethlehem (Jones)	193	110
Cleveland, Calvary	178	78
Greenville, Parkview	343	113
Laurel, Second Ave.	315	147
McComb, South	129	76
New Albany Neely Mem.	56	39
Ripley, First	307	145
Main	260	105
Mission	47	38
West End (Winston)	40	42

By Dr. L. Bruce Campbell

Acts 17; 1 Thessalonians 1-2

INTRODUCTION. In this section of the book, we are following Paul as he labors in the intellectual center of the world of his day. Did this fact make his work any easier? Not by a million! It does not now; it never has. At this hour there are in our America more than three and a half million college and university students, of whom the majority are non-Christian.

And what of the professors in those colleges and universities? The overwhelming majority of them are unbelievers. Just about the most difficult to incline unto the Lord are the infidel intellectuals. This condition presents an evangelistic challenge and trumpet an imperative call to our people to support the men and women who labor for the Lord on our campuses.

The first city in Europe to which the gospel was preached was Philippi, from which Paul was going to the close of our last lesson. Paul is in this lesson still laboring in the cities of Northern Greece and Macedonia. This chapter, Acts 17, is deservedly among the most famous in the Bible, and will conduct us out of northern into southern Greece and into Athens, the intellectual center of the world.

I. LINE AND MANNER OF PAUL'S ADVANCE. He traveled afoot along the highway that led toward the south, through Amphipolis and Apollonia, some twenty-seven miles to the south, the exact location of which is not certainly known. From Apollonia, he and his companions walked twenty-five miles farther to the city of Thessalonica, the Salonica of today. Alexander the Great had a sister who bore the name Thessalonica, and her husband named the city for his wife.

There was a synagogue in Thessalonica and thither, as was his custom, Paul went on the first and second and third sabbaths of his stay in the city, and as also was his custom, reasoned, discoursed, taught them from their scriptures, that the Christ who had been foretold by the prophets must needs have suffered and been raised from the dead, and that the Christ Jesus whom he (Paul) was preaching to them, was the Messiah promised by those prophets.

Under this character of ministry, there were converts to the gospel from among the Orthodox Jews, the Greek-speaking Jews, and the leaders from among the women. But the unbelieving Jews raised a hue and cry that Paul and his companions were teaching treason against the government. Claiming there was another king, one Jesus. The tumult was so great that the rulers of the city thought it wise to get quit of Paul and his party, wherefore they left Thessalonica.

II. THE MORE NOBLE BEROEANS. In the province of Achaia in the city of Beroea, Paul and Silas stopped and were joined by Timothy. As he did wherever he went, Paul went into the synagogue, and preached the gospel, the good news that the Christ (the Messiah of the Old Testament) had come into the world, had lived and suffered, had been crucified and killed, had been raised from the dead, and become Redeemer of all believers. The Beroeans listened and searched the Scriptures to see whether Paul had the matter correct.

But the trouble makers at Thessalonica heard of the favorable reception the gospel was having in Beroea, they came down, a body of them, and stirred up so much trouble that Paul, leaving Silas and Timothy at Beroea, walked away, intending to go as far as to the sea.

III. IN THE CENTER OF CULTURE. Those who traveled with Paul brought him to Athens, then returned to Beroea to send Silas and Timothy to join Paul. For its galaxies of sculptors, orators, artists, poets, philosophers, Athens stands unrivaled in the world, before or since. But Paul was primarily interested in none of these. "This one thing I do," he said. So he secured for himself a chance to preach. How did he proceed?

1. "Ye men of Athens. All that I see in your city bears testimony to your carefulness in religion." He first mollifies his audience, puts them in a good humor toward him. He has noticed an altar "To An Unknown God."

2. He proceeds to acquaint them with the God they confess they do not know. This God, not like gold or silver or stock or stone, does not dwell in temples, neither is serv-

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ed by men's hands as though He needs anything.

3. He rules the world of men and things. All the races of men are one, and God has set their limits of ascendancy and the times of their opportunity.

4. God has set a day of judgment, the only day that he has fixed. All the world is in this judgment. No man of those who have lived, are living, or shall live may escape this judgment.

5. Adequate preparation for it is made by this one sincere act—Repent.

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The Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, has launched a Brotherhood Leadership and Training Program which we are persuaded to believe will help to meet the need in the area of training for our men. The program includes awards, Basic Certificate of Recognition, Advanced Certificate of Recognition, and Service Awards.

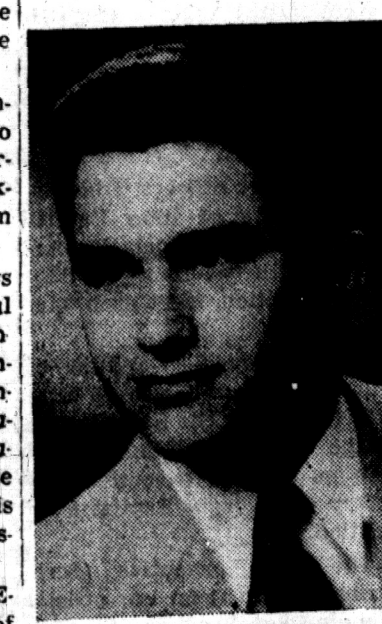
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2. Royal Ambassador Basic Leadership Course				
3. The Associational Brotherhood				
4. A Church Using Its Brotherhood				



Jerry Bethell
1st Greenwood
Calls Music Min.

Jerry Bethell, Fort Worth, Texas, will become Minister of Music of First Church Greenwood, February 15.

Mr. Bethell is from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a graduate of the University of Tulsa and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Bethell is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. J. H. Kyzar is pastor.

2 Agencies Sponsor Conference On Aging

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — Career School of Missions and Social Work here and the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will jointly sponsor a conference on the aging here April 11-13.

Theme of the conference will be "Southern Baptists' Ministry with and for Older People."

Off The Record

Little Mary was visiting her grandmother in the country. Walking in the garden, Mary chanced to see a peacock, a bird that she had never seen before.

After gazing in silent admiration, she ran into the house and cried out: "Oh, Granny, come and see! One of your chickens is in bloom!"

Diner (suspiciously): "Why do you call this 'Enthusiastic' stew?"

Waiter: "Because the cook put everything he had into it!"

Jerry: "How are you getting along with your arithmetic?"

Joan: "Well, I've learned to add up the zeros, but the figures still bother me."

What do you do when you are hungry in bed?

Joe: This match won't light. Flo: What's the matter with it?

Joe: I don't know. It worked all right a minute ago.

Mercer Head Calls For High Standards

MACON, Ga. — (BP) — Rufus C. Harris, president-elect of Mercer University, said Mercer should raise "substantially" her requirements for admission and for "the level of performance required to remain after admission."

He also said the scale of Mercer faculty salaries must be raised, and that "inadequate compensation establishes the teachers as those who are actually subsidizing the education of students who pay low tuition charges."

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18 Profess Faith In Emphasis Week

A medical doctor, a social scientist, and a journalist-author—outstanding laymen, active in the work of their local churches—were speakers during the fall religious emphasis week at Seinan Gakuin, Baptist University in Kukuoka City, Japan.

They are Dr. Junichi Wakizaka, chief surgeon in the Kurume University Hospital; Dr. Shujiro Sawada, professor of economics at Kyushu University; and Junichiro Sako, author of many books and one of Japan's most respected literary critics.

Though no special emphasis was placed upon decisions, 18 students made professions of faith in Christ and 89 indicated a desire to study Christianity seriously. Eight Christian students rededicated their lives to Christ.

JANUARY Make Your Will Month

Assets \$1,782,549.49

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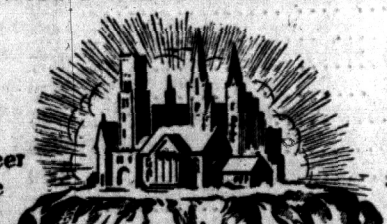
Income 10-1-58 to 10-1-59, \$85,000.00

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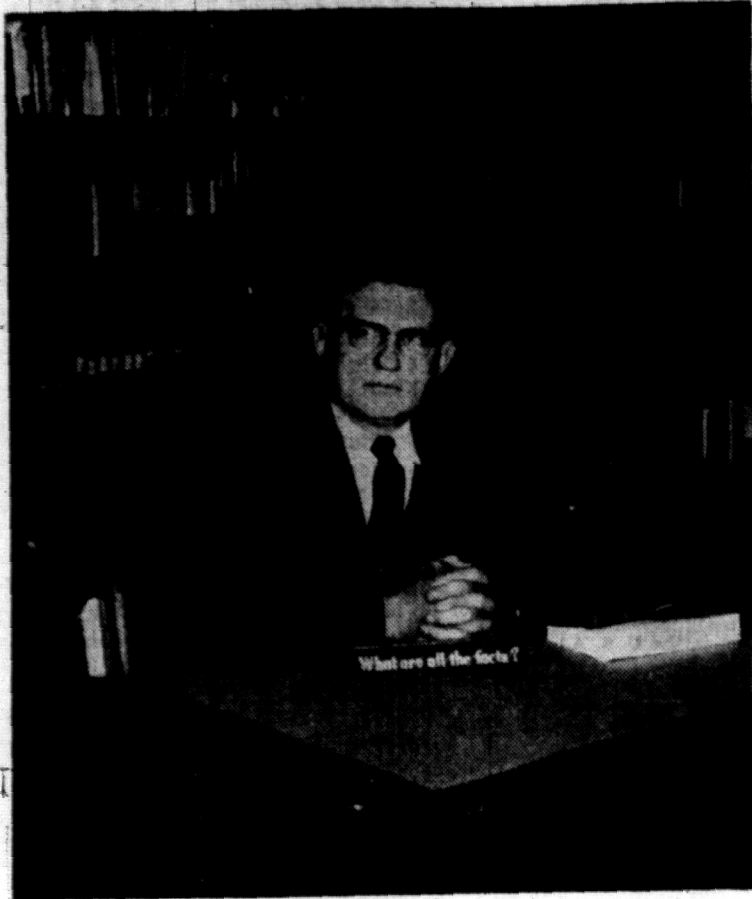
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Executive Committee Is At Heart Of SBC



DR. ALBERT McCLELLAN, program planning secretary, uses the Bible and the Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention in his effort to secure "all the facts" about the work done by the SBC agencies. His office is preparing a manual describing the functioning of each agency.

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"M" NIGHT IN MISSISSIPPI

A total of 27,105 were reported in attendance at "M" Night meetings in Mississippi in 1959 with 1180 churches represented. 100 percent of the 76 association scheduled "M" Night in the state. This is the best "M" Night record ever reported in Mississippi. Congratulations to associations and churches for a job well done!

Association	Attendance	Churches
Adams	1020	14
Alcorn	361	15
Attala	307	15
Benton (Jan. 25)		
Bolivar	468	16
Calhoun	547	30
Carroll	90	9
Chickasaw	260	11
Choctaw	181	9
Clarke	180	15
Clay	365	9
Copiah		16
Covington	213	14
DeSoto	325	14
Franklin	127	11
George	140	6
Greene	92	9
Grenada	148	8
Gulf Coast	734	38
Hinds	768	41
Holmes	531	16
Humphreys	137	7
Itawamba	76	
Jackson	567	23
Jasper	455	15
Jeff Davis	264	
Jones	1380	46
Kemper	117	8
Lafayette	401	
Lamar	150	7
Lauderdale	1128	47
Lawrence	362	19
Leake	472	21
Lebanon	325	
Less	631	26
Leflore	143	8
Lincoln	944	36
Lowndes	342	18
Madison	174	9
Marion	173	24
Marshall	172	9
Mississippi	242	19
Monroe	103	8
Montgomery	210	8
Neshoba	552	21
New Choctaw	61	
Newton	683	22
Noxubee	310	10
Oktibbeha	139	7
Panola	156	12
Pearl River	258	19
Perry	214	9
Pike	1020	25
Pontotoc	316	20
Prentiss	205	9
Rankin	264	19
Riverside	215	19
Scott	393	22
Sharkey-Issaquena	136	8
Simpson	742	32
Smith	373	
Sunflower	288	15
Tallahatchie	290	12
Tate	187	11
Tippah	88	10
Tishomingo	310	17
Union	162	
Union County	557	25
Walthall	370	12
Warren	786	12
Washington	450	16
Wayne	550	17
Winston	464	20
Yalobusha	122	9
Yazoo	387	18
Zion	305	15

If you should attend an Executive Committee meeting in September or February of each year, you would get a preview of much of the important business the Southern Baptist Convention will vote on later.

For the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is at the very heart of all Southern Baptists do.

The Convention has assigned to various agencies unique responsibilities. The Radio and Television Commission produces radio and television programs for the Convention. The Sunday School Board prepares literature for the churches and renders them special services. A mission program in 40 countries is under direction of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Executive Committee, acting for the Convention between sessions, has an interest in all the work carried on by all the agencies of the Convention.

Recommends Budgets

It has no authority over agencies, but the Convention has given the Executive Committee the responsibility for hearing budget requests from the agencies and for recommending annual budgets for adoption at the Convention.

Every state having 25,000 Southern Baptist church members has a representative on the Executive Committee. Larger states have two to five members. Mississippi has two members. The Convention president and senior secretary and Woman's Missionary Union president also are members.

The chairman of the Executive Committee assigns each member to a committee. There are these committees: administrative, program, finance, public relations, stewardship promotion.

Dr. Porter Routh fills the position of executive secretary. He is the chief administrative officer of the Executive Committee. In addition, he is the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Keeps Records

The Executive Committee disburses about \$25 million a year to agencies of the Convention. This money has come through the Cooperative Program and through designated gifts. As treasurer, Dr. Routh keeps records of contributions coming

through state Baptist executive offices to the Executive Committee for distribution. He signs the checks going to the agencies with their allocations.

He works with the administrative committee which considers questions concerning the staff of the Executive Committee office, the sites for future sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, the budget of the Executive Committee itself, and administrative affairs of the Convention.

Associates Meet Often

Dr. Routh and four staff associates meet frequently to discuss plans. These associates are Dr. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, stewardship promotion secretary; Dr. W. C. Fields, public relations secretary, and John H. Williams, financial planning secretary. Mrs. Moore and Fields for former Mississippians.

Dr. McClellan has been with the Executive Committee since 1949, first as director of publications and, since last year, in his new capacity. He works closely with the program committee. Together, they're now preparing "job descriptions" of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies as asked by the Convention.

These will be presented in an agency organization manual.

Dr. Moore has been a staff officer of the Executive Committee for the longest period of time. The stewardship promotion office promotes the Cooperative Program, which Southern Baptists use to support state and world missions.

Publishes Tracts

It also promotes the successful Forward Program of Church Finance, aiding churches during the annual budget drives. This office also publishes tracts on such stewardship subjects as tithing, pledging, Cooperative Program, and Forward Program.

The Convention has assigned a new responsibility to this office—promotion of Baptist objectives to Baptists who are making wills, annuities, endowments, etc. It encourages them to see that stewardship of their money continues beyond their lifetimes.

The office of stewardship promotion will no longer be a part of the Executive Committee af-

ter about mid-1960. It will become a separate agency of the Convention—the Stewardship Commission.

Has Pressroom

The public relations office, under Dr. Fields' leadership, functions as the Convention's press representative. It sets up a pressroom at each session of the Southern Baptist Convention, furnishing typewriters, supplies, and information to secular and religious press.

It also edits the Baptist Program, monthly magazine to Baptist leaders; operates the Baptist Press, Convention news service, and edits the Baptist Bulletin and Mat Service, which many churches use for their Sunday bulletins and church papers.

John H. Williams is the Executive Committee's business and personnel manager. He works with the finance committee in studying the audits of Convention agencies and analyzing trends in Baptist giving. He also works with the administrative committee in considering sites for future Conventions.

Other Workers

There are four other professional workers. Dr. Robert J. Hastings and R. G. Capra are assistants in the stewardship promotion office. Dr. Hastings is a specialist on the Forward Program and Capra is in Cooperative Program promotion.

Theo Sommerkamp and Leonard E. Hill are assistants in public relations. Sommerkamp is assistant director of the Baptist Press news service and Hill is production editor of the Baptist Program.

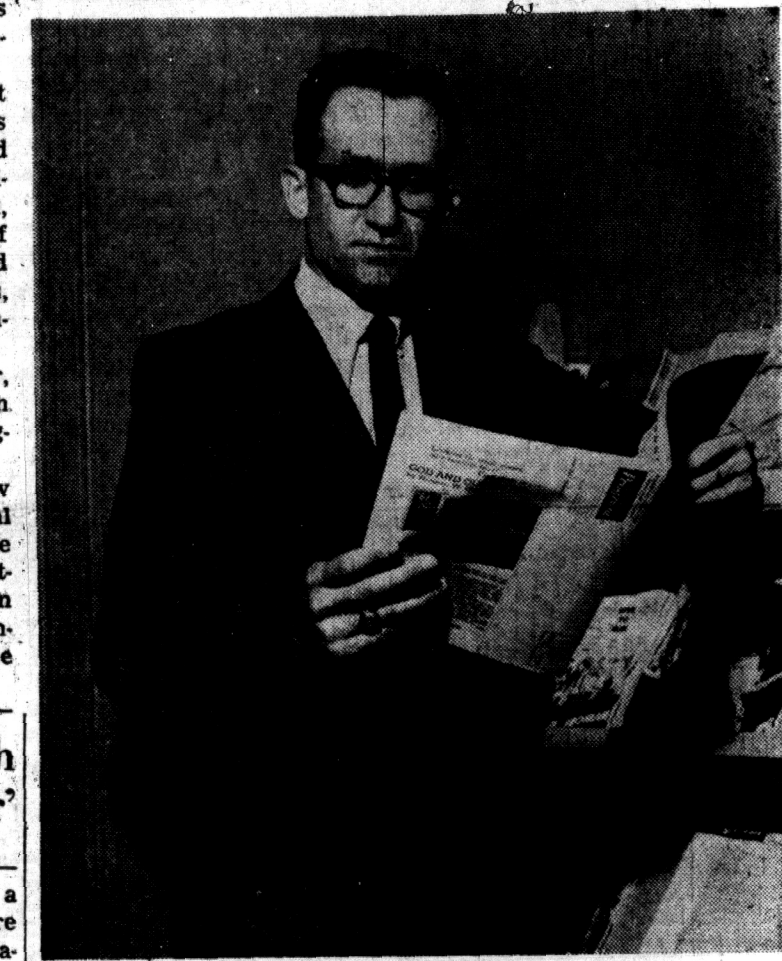
Each office has assigned to it secretaries and stenographers to handle correspondence and other duties. There are 21 full-time employees on secretarial, professional, and executive staff levels. During the rush period for Forward Program materials, two or three others may be employed on a temporary basis.

Mrs. Ruth elson, bookkeeper, is nearing 30 years' service with the Executive Committee—longer service than anyone.

Under the Convention's new organization, after withdrawal of stewardship into a separate agency, the Executive Committee will not promote its own programs. It will be in an impartial position, advancing the total Baptist cause.



JOHN H. WILLIAMS, financial planning secretary, checks records which he keeps of Executive Committee and Southern Baptist Convention financial transactions. Williams is in charge of personnel duties and Convention arrangements in the Executive Committee office.



THE MAGAZINE Baptist Program is one of the materials published by the Executive Committee, for which its office of public relations is responsible. Dr. W. C. Fields, who became secretary of public relations in mid-1959 after being editor of the Baptist Record, is editor of the magazine.—(BP) Photo.



A DETAIL of Cooperative Program promotion is discussed by Dr. Merrill D. Moore, secretary of stewardship promotion, and his secretary, Miss Annie Laura Lee. Work of this office will be transferred to the new Stewardship Commission.

Leaders To Get Woman's Viewpoint

NEW ORLEANS — (BP)—A state executive secretary's wife will give the lady's viewpoint in an address to the state Baptist leaders at their meeting here Feb. 15-17.

The Baptist officers, administrative heads of state Baptist conventions and associations affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, meet each winter.

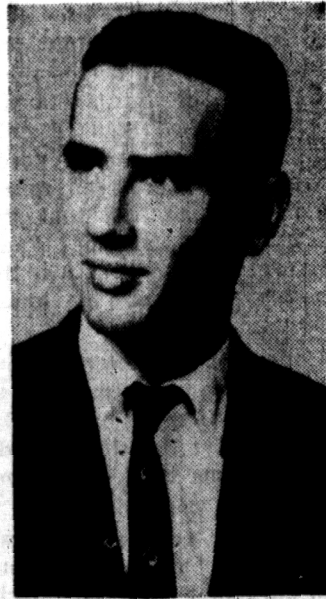
Mrs. Searcy S. Garrison of Atlanta, Ga., will have 25 minutes to tell of "The Significance of the Secretary's Home Life." Her husband is executive secretary of Georgia Baptist Convention.

The state executive secretaries' group has no official standing but, having many common interests in administering Baptist state missions and related work, their discussions here assume significance.

Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., will lead a session on "An Examination of the Denominational College." Except for seminars, Southern Baptists' higher education is carried on through state Baptist organizations.

Southern Baptist Hospital, an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention located in New Orleans, will be host at a luncheon during the session. General host for the entire three-day gathering is Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Following custom, the secretaries meet at the same time and place as the Southern Baptist Press Association, which includes state Baptist paper editors and other journalists employed by Baptists. With the exception of one or two joint fellowship meetings, the secretaries and editors hold separate conferences.



WILTON T. BENNETT, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bennett of North Carrollton, was licensed to preach by the North Carrollton Baptist Church on December 27, 1959. Wilton, a graduate of the J. Z. George High school, is a student at Clarke College, Newton. He has been very active in associational work especially with the singing and youth work. Rev. W. Martin Smith is pastor at North Carrollton.

HMB To Conduct Mission Emphasis At S'western

FORT WORTH — Representatives of the Home Mission Board will conduct a Missions Emphasis Week on the campus of Southwestern Theological Seminary, Feb. 9-12 for the purpose of promoting missions endeavor among seminary students. Dr. Robert E. Naylor, president, has announced.

Visiting missions personnel will include Glendon McCullough, Secretary, Personnel Department; Dr. Loyd Corder, Language Group Department; Rev. W. B. Mitchell, Superintendent of Jewish work; and Dr. Guy Bellamy, Secretary, City Missions Department.

Methodists Launch 'Decade of Prayer'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (RNS)—A midnight vigil followed by a day-long school of prayer here launched Methodism's international "Decade of Prayer" on Jan. 1.

The 10-year prayer emphasis is part of the "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship" which the Methodist General Board of Evangelism is promoting during the 1960's.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary-evangelist and author, was the principal speaker at the midnight prayer service attended by 1,100 persons from 23 states in Central Methodist church here.

"No greater contribution could be made during the next 10 years than to undergird the world situation with prayer," he declared.

Judge To Speak To Adult T. U. At Midway

Judge Carl Guernsey, of Juvenile Court in Jackson, will speak to the Adult Training Union at Midway Church, Jackson, on Sunday night, January 31. Training Union begins at 6 o'clock.

Judge Guernsey's speech will deal with parents' responsibility in helping their children choose the vocation best suited to them. His speech is a phase of the church's preparation for Vocational Emphasis week. A native of Wabash, Indiana, the judge is a graduate of Millsaps and the University of Mississippi.

Judge Guernsey, who has three children, is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson. During Vocational Emphasis week, a lawyer, doctor, minister, and nurse will speak to the young people of the church. Rev. W. F. Evans is the pastor.

NASHVILLE WOMAN TEL'S ALL

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The teacher was conducting a class in "Studies in Timothy" during Bible study week in a Southern Baptist church here.

"You realize, of course, that the T. E. L. class letters in our Sunday school stand for Timothy, and his mother and grandmother, Eunice and Lois," he declared.

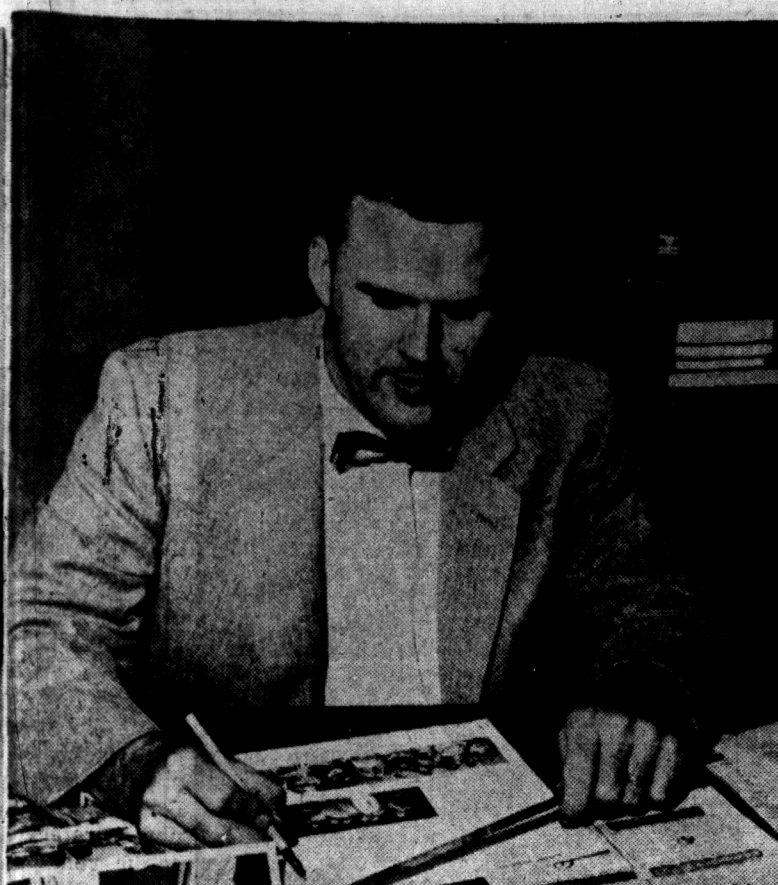
"Oh, my goodness!" a woman near the back of the room said in an undertone heard for a row or two. "I always thought it stood for the Till the End of Life"



THE BAPTIST RECORD gets a close scrutiny by Theo Sommerkamp, assistant director of the Baptist Press news service. It and other Baptist state papers receive Baptist news through the Baptist Press, as a free service of the Executive Committee of the SBC.



DR. ROBERT J. HASTINGS, assistant director of church finance, holds emblem of Forward Program of Church Finance, the adopted finance plan of Southern Baptists, and widely used with unusual success in the SBC.



LEONARD E. HILL, production editor of the Baptist Program. This monthly magazine is circulated among pastors, missionaries, and other denominational employees. It carries articles dealing with the programs carried on by churches and boards of Southern Baptist Convention.



ROBERT G. CAPRA, assistant director of Cooperative Program promotion, holds emblem of Cooperative Program, which Southern Baptists use to support their missionary, education, and benevolent causes.

Associates Share In Work Of The Executive Committee

Routh Is Directing Hand Of Committee

By Theo Sommerkamp

The directing hand of the Executive Committee is a big Texan named Porter Routh (pronounce it "Ruth").

A man in such an important position has to know something about everything going on in the Southern Baptist Convention. This is a pretty tough job, but Dr. Routh handles it capably.

He discusses the Convention's finances as a banker. In fact, a few years ago he was elected a director of a large Nashville bank where Southern Baptist

Winders Attends Student Meeting

BATON ROUGE, La. — (BP) — Baptist student directors for the various state conventions and associations within the Southern Baptist Convention will meet here Feb. 3-5 to share their successes and their problems.

Fred Smith, a Baptist layman and management consultant from Cincinnati, Ohio, and Herbert C. Gabhart, Nashville, president of Belmont College (Baptist) will be featured speakers.

Among questions the student directors will ponder are, "What is the work of the local Baptist Student Union director?" and "How can we finance our program for Baptist students on college campuses?"

The student directors will also discuss the chair of Bible plan of teaching now supported by at least four Baptist state conventions in connection with state college campuses.

J. Chester Durham, student secretary for General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Middletown, Ky., is president of the student director group. Ralph Winders, who holds a similar post in Jackson, Miss., for Mississippi Baptist Convention, is the group's secretary.

Coldwater Ordains Deacons

Coldwater Church (Neshoba Co.) ordained Costa Johnson to take the place of the deacon to be rotated this year, under the rotation plan adopted a year ago.

Those taking part in the service were: Rev. W. B. Boatner, who brought the charge to the church and deacons; Rev. Roy Collum, who preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Rank Boyette, who prayed the ordination prayer; and the pastor, Rev. Clyde Wroten, who led the questioning of the candidate. Others on the council were: Rev. Doyle Shirey and several deacons from neighboring churches.

Convention funds are deposited. Dr. Routh speaks as a warm-hearted evangelist, although he is a layman. He is conscious of the need for the gospel to change men's lives, and he speaks most often on the Cooperative Program, the financial plan Southern Baptists have to meet that need.

Keeps Informed

As an administrator, he stands as tall in ability as he does in stature. Dr. Routh keeps informed on the key business faced by Southern Baptists, and makes sound decisions on policy.

He has a schedule that sometimes is back-breaking. A three-week period last fall found him moving from Nashville to Kansas City to Houston—and on to Dallas, Oklahoma City, Baltimore, Knoxville, Lubbock, Tex., and two cities in southern Oklahoma.

During that time, he touched home base only twice. He addressed at least three state conventions, and preached three sermons on one particular Sunday. Dr. Routh also spoke at least twice to Loyalty Dinners for churches using the new Forward Program of Church Finance, which the Executive Committee helped to develop.

Is Family Man

Despite his heavy schedule, Dr. Routh is a family man. He and his wife — who has the coincidence of being Ruth Routh — have five children. Their oldest, and the only son, is sophomore at Duke University.

The Routh family observes family altar. Often when Dr. Routh is home, he takes a turn at being chief cook and bottle-washer. Now and then, Mrs. Routh takes off a few days (well-earned) during which family administration falls entirely upon Dr. Routh.

Their home, provided by the Executive Committee, is host to many Baptist leaders not only from within the Southern Baptist Convention, but from other Baptist groups in America and abroad.

Dr. Routh comes from an illustrious family. His father, Dr. E. C. Routh, was for many years editor of the Commission, the journal of the Foreign Mission Board. A sister, Mrs. J. C. Poole, is a missionary in Nigeria.

Texas Native

Political science, public speaking, Journalism, theology, statistics—all these fields combine in Dr. Porter Routh. A native of Lockhart, Tex., he taught at Oklahoma Baptist University after graduation.

Later, he was secretary of promotion and Brotherhood for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He was senior secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and secretary of survey and statistics for the Baptist Sunday School Board before being called by the Executive Committee in 1951.

Dr. Routh also was once editor of the weekly Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.



MRS. LAVON KNIES, secretary to Dr. Routh, checks pictures of former Southern Baptist Convention presidents, which hang in hallway beside Executive Committee offices.



MRS. RUTH NELSON (right), bookkeeper, greets Mrs. Mary Lu Demerich, secretary in the financial planning office. Mrs. Nelson has been with the Executive Committee for over two decades, longer than any other employee.



MRS. PEGGY GIBSON is secretary to Dr. McClellan. Her father is Dr. Warren F. Jones, president of Union University.

MISSISSIPPIANS PROMINENT IN HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has had many close ties with the great Baptist state of Mississippi.

Dr. Austin Crouch, the long-time executive secretary of the Executive Committee from its organization in 1827 until 1946, was pastor for a number of years in Corinth, Mississippi. Dr. Duke K. McCall, who succeeded Dr. Crouch and served as executive secretary until 1951, was born in Meridian, Mississippi. Dr. Merrill D. Moore, secretary of stewardship promotion for the past twelve years, is a native Mississippian and served as pastor in that state. Dr. W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Executive Committee, came to his present position after a very effective ministry as editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record and as a pastor in Mississippi.

Over the years, men like M. P. L. Love, H. M. King, Edgar Holcomb, Charles Henderson, Norman Cox, W. Douglas Hudgins, Purser Hewitt, Walter Moore, and Owen Cooper have made a significant contribution to the life of the Executive Committee as representatives from Mississippi.

Reach \$700,000

Mississippi Baptists have been strong believers in the Cooperative Program. A short twenty years ago, Mississippi Baptists contributed less than \$35,000 to Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program. By 1949 that amount had climbed to \$275,000 and in 1959 it will probably reach the \$700,000 mark.

The Baptist Record has been a most effective media for giving information about the work of Southern Baptists at home and around the world. Dr. Chester Quarles, who has just completed ten years service as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has made a significant contribution not only in his own state, but as a member of the Future Program Committee and the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee. His co-workers in every area of work have demonstrated again and again that their interests go beyond state boundaries and extend to the ends of the earth.

Mississippi College has made a very real contribution to Southern Baptist life through the training of men who have gone out to various areas of service in the life of the denomination and in the life of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Belong To Churches

It must be remembered that the churches do not belong to the Southern Baptist Convention nor to the state conventions or the associations, but all general bodies belong to the churches, and exist for the purpose of serving the churches in their corporate capacity where the churches cannot act as effectively and efficiently individually in response to the commission of Christ to share the good

news even unto the ends of the earth. Article IV of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention clearly states: "While independent and sovereign in its own sphere, the Convention does not claim and will never attempt to exercise any authority over any other Baptist body, whether church, auxiliary organization, association, or convention."

The Southern Baptist Convention exists to serve the churches, and the Executive Committee in its function as the Convention ad-interim in those areas which are not specifically assigned to agencies, and in its responsibility of advising the Convention on matters affecting the total life of the Convention, must always remember that its purpose is to serve the churches in their purpose of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ.

Extend Appreciation

The Executive Committee cannot speak for Southern Baptists, and I certainly cannot speak for the Executive Committee, but if I know the hearts of the pastors and laymen who come from their busy schedules to study prayerfully the various problems which are presented, I feel certain that they would ask me to extend for them a hearty heart-felt hand of appreciation to Mississippi Baptists for their compassion and concern, and a plea that you pray for the Executive Committee and the members of its staff in the responsibilities which have been assigned to them in this kingdom task.

Baptists First

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Baptists have the distinction of sponsoring the first junior college in the world, Decatur Baptist College, Decatur, Tex., which was established in 1898 and is sponsored by Texas Baptists.

The first public junior college was not founded until 1902 at Joliet, Ill. Both of these colleges have been in continuous operation since their founding.

Southern Baptist sponsor 21 junior colleges and 18 of them are fully accredited. The two-year institution has come into its own and is no longer looked upon as a second-rate college with inadequate facilities. It is a vital part of the American education scene.

Midway Union Sets New Records

The Adult No. 4 Union of Midway Church Training Union, Jackson, established two new records Sunday night, January 17, when their pastor, Rev. William F. Evans, presented them with the certificate of Standard of Excellence earned for the first quarter of the new church year. This group of members represent the first adult union in the history of that church to qualify for the certificate.

Hardy Winstead, president of the union, had previously announced that his members would strive to have every member present to receive the certificate and that each of them would qualify as 100 percent members that night. Most of them are above 55 years of age and several are over 65 yet they were present and arose as a group Sunday night to receive the congratulations of the church for their successful attainment of the goal that they had set.

They are also the first union in the history of Midway to report an attainment of the 100 percent grade.

This union is composed of Hardy Winstead, president; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Donald, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Eldridge, Mrs. W. M. Albritton, Mrs. Velma Ward, Mrs. Delma Johnson, W. A. Davis, Mrs. E. Fortenberry.

Union Observes Family Day

Family Day was observed at Union Church, Alcorn County, on Sunday, January 17, with 36 families represented and 16 entire families present. Mrs. W. T. Fuell, in reporting this meeting, states that attendance was very good, considering that the church was a rural one and that it rained all morning on the 17th.

The pastor, Rev. W. A. Hamilton, presented a sketch of the church history.

Midweek prayer meeting was at Union Church. The pastor taught the adult Bible course on the book, "Studies in I and II Timothy." Harvey Crow taught the young people's book.

A spring revival is planned for March. Preaching services are held at Union on first and third Sundays.

Behold, What Manner of Love

By REV. D. C. APPELGATE
Pastor, First, Starkville

I John 3:1

The love of God cannot be described nor put into human words. Jesus used this word when he described God. He said, "God is Love."

ETERNAL

The love of God is like unto God Himself, eternal. The expression of love found its greatest revelation to man in Christ who is eternal. The results of this love are eternal as man receives eternal life and an eternal abode with God in salvation.

EXPRESSION

We have many ways of expressing love. However, we might give some expression that would leave the impression of love when love was not there.

Christ expressed His love to us and we do not have reason to doubt the sincerity of expression but can be secure in our belief in Him.

He expressed love in His incarnation.
He expressed love in His Ministry.
He expressed love in His death.
He expressed love in His Resurrection.
He expressed love in His promises.

THE OBJECT OF HIS LOVE

The love of God finds no boundary but is given to all the world.

Jesus said, "Whosoever."

I watched a man weep and listened to a wonderful testimony as he, between sobs, told of his life of drastic sin and then of the wonderful Grace of God that brought new life and love. He said, "When Jesus said, Whosoever, I can testify that it really means anyone because I was filthy with sin."

HIS LOVE EXPRESSED NOW

The Holy Spirit of God continues to visit the heart of the unsaved. God loves the lost and makes man know of His presence.

Human agencies in the hands of God reveal this message of love to men.

Love that continues through all of life at the time of conversion and throughout all the experiences of life—This is the Love of God.

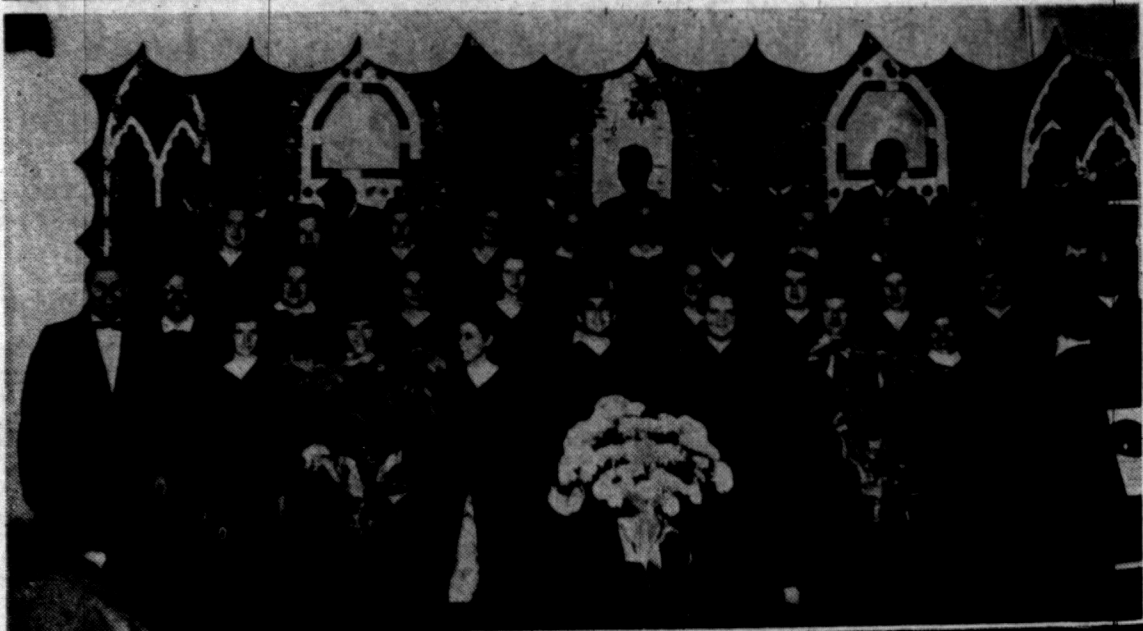
This love says to us, "Where I am, there you may be also."

EX-CATHOLIC PRIEST BAPTIZES ANOTHER EX-CATHOLIC PRIEST

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(BP)—On a recent Sunday here, Pastor C. M. Corradi of Fruit Ave. Spanish Baptist Mission baptized a convert named Salmone Humberto Pavia. The interesting fact is that both the pastor and new convert are former priests of the Roman Catholic Church.

The new convert has expressed his conviction that the Lord has also called him to preach the gospel as he knows it now. He has already received several invitations to preach.

Born in Merida, Yucatan, in Mexico, convert Pavia studied at Merida and Puebla, Mexico, and at Montezuma Seminary, near Las Vegas, N. M.



GULF GARDENS Church, Gulfport, presented its Church and Chapel Choirs (top photo) in their annual Christmas program. The combined choirs presented "All Folk on Earth Do Sing." The choirs also formed a speech choir and presented the spoken narration. The program was directed by Talmadge Butler, Minister of Music, accompanied by Dorothy Moran. The Celestial Carol and Cherub Choirs (bottom photo) of the Gulf Gardens Church, presented "Christmas Around the World," a program of Christmas carols from many countries. The 65 voices under the direction of Talmadge Butler, were accompanied by Dorothy Reed and Laverne Butler.

Seven Get Second-Year Pin

Montrose Sunday School Superintendent, Jimmie Nix, made a presentation of seven "Second Year" perfect attendance awards on January 17.

The following received the award: Ruth, Hazel and Mrs. H. P. Nix, Jerome, Margaret, and

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — (BP)—The site for a new office building for Arkansas Baptist State Convention has been secured in West Little Rock, S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the convention's executive board, has announced here. The

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sharp. Rev. James K. Sharp is the pastor.

1½-acre plot is in the 6400 block on W. Markham, just across the street from the entrance to the multi-million dollar new Plaza shopping center.

I'm glad the heart won't let the mind remember everything that has happened to us. Looking back, I see the good that has happened and tend to forget the bad. Lois Holleman, December HOME LIFE.



Rev. W. G. Cummings

BUCKATUNNA CALLS PASTOR

Buckatunna Church in Wayne County, called Rev. W. G. (Bill) Cummings as their pastor, and he has moved on the field. The members welcomed Rev. Cummings and his family with a ready-cooked supper and a well-stocked pantry.

Rev. Cummings came to Buckatunna from Lauderdale County where he was pastoring two full time churches, Mt. Olive and New Hope.

Cummings is a native of Mississippi, having been born in Webster county to Mr. and Mrs. John Cummings. In 1940 he was married to Mary E. Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Shepherd. They moved to Ocean Springs in 1944 and in 1950 Mr. Cummings answered the call to the ministry. Since that time he has pastored churches in Jackson and Scott counties.

Cummings is leading the Buckatunna Church in the January Bible Study. A county-wide School of Missions will begin January 31.

Wiggins (Leake) Goes Full-Time

Wiggins Church in Leake County has adopted a full-time program. The pastor, Rev. D. P. Morgan, has moved onto the field. He is living in Carthage with his wife and two small children.

Rev. Morgan, the son of Rev. J. L. Morgan, sheriff of Lauderdale County, will continue his studies at Mississippi College.

More Churches Report On Gifts To Lottie Moon

Shady Grove Church at Ruth in Lincoln Association, with 101 resident members, gave \$766.00 to the Lottie Moon Offering, or a per capita gift of \$7.58.

The Offering last year was \$500.00; this year there was an increase of over 50 per cent, according to the interim pastor, Rev. H. C. Mann.

Bude Church this year has given \$620.32 to the Lottie Moon Offering.

Mrs. W. H. Tyson of the Bude Church made a 3' x 7' white styrofoam cross covered with blue lights. As each \$10.00 was contributed to the foreign missions offering, a light was turned on. (The W. M. S. uttered on a light in memory of Mrs. J. J. Whittington, one of their members who died November 11.)

Rev. Otis Jones is pastor at Bude.



JOHN EARL SEELIG, minister of education at Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, has been elected by the Board of Trustees to serve as Director of Public Relations and Alumni Activities at Southwestern Seminary, effective February 1. A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with a bachelor of science degree in 1946, Seelig holds majors in Secondary Education and Mathematics and a minor in Journalism. He is also a graduate of Southwestern with a master of religious education in 1949.



FIRST CHURCH, Iuka, is experiencing unparalleled progress through increased church attendance, increased contributions to the church, and a growing interest in affairs of the church. There have been 59 additions (shown above) since the pastor, Rev. R. J. Cooper, and Mrs. Cooper, moved on the field last August. Two have surrendered to the ministry and five for special mission work; in addition to a large number of rededications.

Woodland Church Reports Progress

Rev. Joe L. Jolly, pastor, reports that Woodland Church has made a great deal of progress in the past year.

The auditorium has been redecorated; all the Sunday school rooms have been repaired; two new Sunday school rooms have been added; new pulpit furniture and a new piano have been purchased; there have been six additions by baptism and five by letter.

The church recently adopted the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

Potts Camp Ordains Deacons

On Sunday, January 17, Potts Camp Church ordained as deacons the following men: Hubert Gandy, Sr., Curtis Gurley, and Frank Hutchins, Sr.

The pastor, Rev. Clint Taylor, gave the charge to the church, and Rev. Paul Brown, Oakhaven Church, Memphis, Tenn., preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge to the deacons. The church now has ten active deacons.



FIRST CHURCH, GAUTIER, Rev. Paul S. Kirke, pastor, on November 15, 1959, honored their oldest active member, Mrs. R. A. Jones, on her 85th birthday. The W. M. U. was in charge. "Mother Jones," shown seated above, received an orchid and many other tributes and gifts. Wilson Woodall, Music Director, led "Happy Birthday," and punch and cake were served to 84 guests. Mrs. J. C. Trussell, Sr., Mrs. Jones' Sunday School teacher for many years, and Mrs. Gertrude Marshall, Vice-President of her Sunday School class, are pictured standing, above. Among out-of-town guests were Mrs. Jones' sister-in-law, Mrs. Lena Jones, and Miss Barbara Brewer of Samson, Alabama.



PASTOR PRESENTS Perfect Attendance Pin—Mrs. J. R. Yeager broke all records in First Church, Pascagoula, by reaching a perfect attendance in Sunday school of nineteen years. Mrs. Yeager has attended Training Union for more than fifteen and one-half years without missing a single Sunday night. Mrs. Yeager has only missed two choir rehearsals in the last ten years and has not missed a single choir performance in this length of time. Her pastor, Dr. Eugene Skelton, is shown presenting her with a perfect attendance pin.



THE NEW CHURCH AUDITORIUM at Crestview Church, Petal, (above) was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, January 24, at 2:00 o'clock. Dr. Parks McKittrick, 19th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, was the guest speaker. Rev. Robert Rook is the pastor.

Stevens Receives Award For Distinguished Service

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has received the 12th annual award for Distinguished Service in Religious Journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University's honorary religious journalism fraternity, Lambda Lambda Lambda.

The framed award certified Dr. Stevens was chosen for notable achievement as director of the Radio and Television Commission, and particularly for work on "This Is The Answer" series for television. Previous recipients of the Tri-Lambda Distinguished Service Award, which is awarded to individuals, organizations, or publications, include: Dick McCartney, public relations director for Oklahoma Baptists; "Presbyterian Life"; "This Day" (Lutheran); and the Public Relations Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Names In The News

George W. Koski, director of the Music Department of Howard College, directed a concert by the Howard College A Cappella Choir in First Church, Greenville, January 28.

Miss Blanche Mays has been named manager of the Louisville, Ky., Baptist Book Store effective February 16. Presently in the Book Store Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Miss Mays has served as sales co-ordinator for stores in the eastern area of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. S. R. Bridgen, new pastor of Liberty Church, and Mrs. Bridgen and their daughters, Brenda and Mary Evelyn, were honored with a reception last Sunday night in the educational building of the church. Approximately 200 persons attended.

Dr. Alvin O. Collins, pastor of First Church, Booneville, was the speaker for the Brotherhood meeting at First Church, Tupelo, Rev. Joe Causey, pastor, on January 22. He also showed slides of his recent tour to Europe.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, Southern Baptist missionaries to Taiwan (Formosa) who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from St. Matthews, S. C., to Wake Forest, N. C. Their address is Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. Mrs. Raley is the former Frances Bibb, native of Moorhead, Miss.

Rev. Clyde Wroten, pastor, Coldwater Church, Neshoba County, announces that Clarke College Choir will present a program at his church on February 2 at 7 p. m.

Rev. Bill Causey, pastor, Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, taught "Studies in Tom-o-thy" at South Side Church, Meridian, during Bible Study Week, January 11-15. There

were 80 enrolled, with an average attendance of 69, and 62 applicants for awards. Rev. W. E. Speed is the South Side pastor.

Alf Rose, Vicksburg, magician, spoke at Southside Church, Hattiesburg, Sunday morning, January 24. Rev. Garland McInnis is the Southside pastor.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Hinds County superintendent of missions, is teacher for "Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School" at Parkway Church, Jackson. Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, on Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 11 and 22.

Rev. S. G. Pope has retired after serving Sunny Hill Church, McComb, for three years, three months, and is available for service as interim pastor or pulpit supply. His address is 418 Second Street, McComb. Phone 2853.

Rev. Willie Wimbs was licensed to the Gospel ministry by First Church, Tupelo, January 13. He has been doing supply work in churches around Tupelo.

Rev. Roland Haun was licensed to the Gospel ministry by Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. Dr. John Barnes, pastor, on January 17. Rev. and Mrs. Haun are working at Wayside Mission.

Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Drew, will be the guest speaker for the Adult Sweetheart Banquet sponsored by the Brotherhood at First Church, Crystal Springs on Feb. 11. Rev. A. Estus Mason is pastor.

Robert Myrlin Brooks, Jr., has been named supervisor of literature information section, church literature department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. He replaces Richmond O. Brown, who resigned to accept a position with WORD Records, Waco, Texas.